The PARENTS' MAGAZINE

Formerly called "CHILDREN, The Parents' Magazine"

DECEMBER 1929
25 CENTS

Christmas Gifts for Children

How the Hoovers Brought Up Their Boys

Can Sex Be Determined? Recommended Movies

TOOTSIETOY
DOLL HOUSE FURNITURE

KITCHEN, $1.00
(Above)
DOLL HOUSE
6 rooms, unfurnished, $3.00

BATH ROOM, $1.00

DINING ROOM, $1.00

BEDROOM, $1.00

LIVING ROOM, $1.00

Betty and Martha think the world of their little Tootsietoy Home—they love Kitty and Pal, of course, but they cannot allow them to interfere with their day's fun or disturb the Tootsietoy household.

THE CHOICE OF ALL PLAYTHINGS

Toys which appeal to the imaginative minds and home-making instincts of Girls.

Room sets which duplicate in miniature the furniture and appointments of the modern home . . . graceful designs . . . rich and appropriate colorings . . . this is Tootsietoy Doll House Furniture produced by Dowst in strong, smoothly-molded metal.

All good dealers sell Tootsietoys—in the event you can't get just what you want send coupon.

DOWST MFG. CO.
4547 FULTON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DOWST MFG. CO.
4547 Fulton Street, Chicago, Illinois.

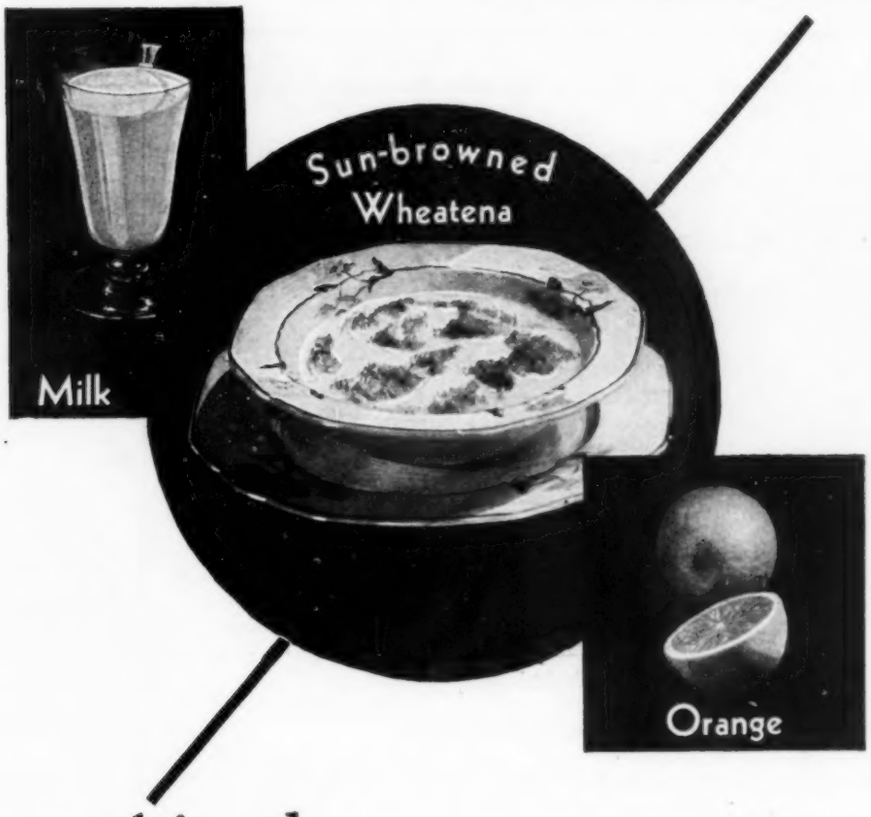
Enclosed find $_____ for items indicated — money to be refunded if I am not satisfied.

- ☐ Doll House and Furniture (6 rooms) $9.00
- ☐ Doll House only $3.00
- ☐ Furniture only (5 rooms) $5.00
- ☐ Single Sets (specify room) $1.00

Name _____

Address _____

"HIDDEN HUNGER" FIGHTERS



combined in a delicious, quick breakfast

"Hidden Hunger!" Thousands of children with weak bones, soft teeth and undernourished bodies.. thousands of grown-ups lacking in vigor and health.. suffer from it. And a chief cause is faulty diet..*too many denatured, super-refined foods.*

In these three great *natural* foods..Wheatena, orange juice and milk..science has found the precious minerals, vitamins and other food elements that satisfy "Hidden Hunger" and promote vigorous health and growth.

Wheatena is the cereal that brings you the priceless food elements of golden, *sun-browned* wheat..roasted and toasted to give it a delicious tempting, nut-like flavor. Doctors have recommended Wheatena for a half century for babies, growing children and adults.

SPECIAL OFFER TO MOTHERS

"Feeding the Child from Crib to College" was written by one of the most eminent child-specialists in America. It gives vital information on diet. Also contains many attractive recipes for making delicious, wholesome dishes for the entire family. Only 15c brings you an attractively-bound copy. Please mail coupon on right.

Wheatena Sample FREE!

☐ Check here—enclose 15c—for the book and a Wheatena sample.

☐ Check here—enclose no money—for a FREE sample of Wheatena.

Name .....

Address P12-29

The Wheatena Corporation, Wheatenaville, Rahway, N. J.

NOV 22 1929 ©CIB 50139

Published with the official co-operation of Teachers College, Columbia University; University of Minnesota; State University of Iowa; Yale University.

The PARENTS' MAGAZINE

Formerly called "CHILDREN, The Parents' Magazine"

(Title registered U. S. Patent Office)

VOL. IV. No. 12.
December, 1929

ON REARING CHILDREN FROM CRIB TO COLLEGE

BOARD OF EDITORS

GEORGE J. HECHT
President, The Parents' Publishing Association, Inc.
MRS. CLARA SAVAGE LITTLEDALE
Managing Editor
LOLA JEAN SIMPSON
Associate Editor
MRS. EVA v B. HANSL
Associate Editor
LEO JOSEPH ROCHE
Art Editor
MRS. SIDONIE M. GRUENBERG
Director, Child Study Association of America
ANNE PIERCE
Consultant in Home Economics
PROF. WALTER B. PITKIN
Columbia School of Journalism
DR. HELEN T. WOOLLEY
Director, Child Development Institute, Teachers College, Columbia University

CONSULTANTS

ANGELO PATRI
Author "Child Training" and "School and Home"
DR. MARY SWARTZ ROSE
Prof. of Nutrition, Teachers College, Columbia University
DR. CHARLES HENDEE SMITH
Director, Children's Medical Service, Bellevue Hospital

ADVISORY EDITORS

JULIA WADE ABBOT
Director of Philadelphia Public Kindergartens
JOHN E. ANDERSON
Director, Institute of Child Welfare, Univ. of Minnesota
JAMES R. ANGELL
President, Yale University
DR. S. JOSEPHINE BAKER
Former Chief, Bureau of Child Hygiene, New York City
ADELAIDE S. BAYLOR
Federal Board of Vocational Education
MRS. HERMANN BIGGS
President, National Federation of Day Nurseries
DR. ARTHUR BUTLER CHANDLER
Director, Nursery School, McGill University, Montreal
DR. HOWARD CHILDS CARPENTER
Sec'y, Am. Pediatric Society
DR. TALIAFERRO CLARK
U. S. Public Health Service
REV. JOHN M. COOPER
Catholic University
DR. BESS V. CUNNINGHAM
Teachers College, Columbia Univ.
DR. MERVIN A. DUREA
Sec'y, Com. on Child Development, Nat'l Research Council
DR. JOHN L. ELLIOTT
Ethical Culture School, N. Y.
LIVINGSTON FARRAND
Pres., Cornell Univ., Vice-Pres. Am. Child Health Ass'n
DR. JOHN H. FINLEY
Pres., Nat'l Child Welfare Ass'n
DR. JAMES FORD
Exec. Dir., Better Homes in Am.
GLENN FRANK
Pres., Univ. of Wisconsin
DR. LEE K. FRANKEL
Vice-Pres., Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
JOHN PALMER GAVIT
Author of "College"
PROF. ARNOLD GESELL
Dir., Psycho-Clinic, Yale Univ.

CONTENTS

*(Articles marked * are of special interest to fathers)*

Old Christmases for New—*an editorial by Anne Pierce* 11
Frontispiece—*by Clara E. Sipprell* 12
*The Religious Training of Our Children —*by Helen K. Patch* 13
Oh, Bring Not Gold—*a poem by Violet Alleyn Storey* 13
*If a Child Has "Taking Ways" —*by H. M. Tiebout, M.D.* 14
Can Sex Be Determined?—*by Oscar Riddle, Ph.D.* 16
School Before Five—*by Edna Brand Mann* 17
*Christmas Gifts for the Children—*by Ruth Leigh* 18
*Are Your Children Overdoing? —*by Ruth Danenhower Wilson* 20
When the Baby Is Teething —*by Frank Howard Richardson, M. D.* 21
*A Challenge to Parent-Teacher Associations —*by Alice Fox Pitts* 22
*How the Hoovers Brought Up Their Boys —*by Augusta Hinshaw* 24
*Keep Posted! 26
Furnishing the Whole-Family House —*by Pauline Duff* 27
*My Daughter Chose to Read Trash —*by Sarah Barr Perry Bell* 28
*Every Baby Needs a Father—*by Harry Irving Shumway* 29
*What to Do in Case of Fire—*by Robert S. Moulton* 31
Everyday Problems and How Parents Meet Them 32
*What Would You Do?—Prize Contest 32
*Motion Pictures 34
A New Silhouette for Children 36
Feeding the Family 38
*Home Movies 42
Pointers for Parents 60
Books for Boys and Girls 72
*Books for Parents 76
Out of the Mouths of Babes 79
*Family Fun 84
Things for Children to Do and to Make 88
Program for Group Discussion 97

THE Editors and Advisory Editors and the organization with which they are affiliated do not necessarily endorse all the statements or opinions offered in this magazine. The author who signs an article assumes full responsibility for the statements it contains.

If Your Child Is—

Under 5 years: You will want particularly to read the features beginning on pages 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 36, 38, 42, 60, 72, 76, 79, 84 and 97.

Between 5 and 10 years: You will want particularly to read the features beginning on pages 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38, 42, 60, 72, 76, 79, 84, 88 and 97.

Between 11 and 18 years: You will want particularly to read the features beginning on pages 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38, 42, 60, 72, 76, 79, 84, 88 and 97.

ADVISORY EDITORS

MRS. LILLIAN GILBRETH
Efficiency Engineer, Author of "Living with Our Children"
DR. ERNEST R. GROVES
Univ. of North Carolina
GERTRUDE HARTMAN
Progressive Education Ass'n
DR. ALFRED F. HESS
Prof. of Pediatrics, Bellevue Hospital Medical College, N. Y.
PROF. PATTY SMITH HILL
Prof. of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University
JUDGE FRANKLIN CHASE HOYT
Children's Court of New York
SALLY LUCAS JEAN
Consultant in Health Education
JULIA C. LATHROP
Organizer and Former Chief, U. S. Children's Bureau
MRS. MINNETTA SAMMIS LEONARD
Author of "Best Toys and Their Selection"
DR. WILLIAM PALMER LUCAS
Professor of Pediatrics, Univ. of California Medical School
PROF. E. V. MCCOLLUM
Johns Hopkins University
DR. LOIS HAYDEN MEEK
Child Development Institute, Teachers College, Columbia Univ.
MRS. J. D. MILLER
President Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers
MARY E. MURPHY
Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund
PROF. M. V. O'SHEA
University of Wisconsin
ANNA RICHARDSON
Am. Home Economics Ass'n
DR. FRANK HOWARD RICHARDSON
Consultant in Diseases of Children, N. Y. Dept. of Health
MRS. JANE DEETER RIPPIN
Nat'l Dir., Girl Scouts, Inc.
DEAN JAMES E. RUSSELL
Dean Emeritus, Teachers College, Columbia University
DR. BELA SCHICK
Discoverer of Schick Test
ROWLAND C. SHELDON
Big Brother and Big Sister Federation
MRS. JOHN F. SIPPEL
President, General Federation of Women's Clubs
ROBERT E. SIMON
Pres., United Parents' Ass'n of New York
DR. LOUISE STANLEY
Chief, Bur. of Home Economics, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
DR. D. A. THOM
Mass. Dept. of Mental Diseases
DR. MIRIAM VAN WATERS
Juvenile Court, Los Angeles
JAMES E. WEST
Boy Scouts of America
EDNA N. WHITE
Chairman, Nat'l Council of Parent Education
DR. FRANKWOOD E. WILLIAMS
Medical Director, Nat'l Com. for Mental Hygiene
MRS. MAY PARDEE YOUTZ
Director, Child Study and Parent Education, State University of Iowa

Published Monthly by THE PARENTS' PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, INC.

Publishing Office: 184-10 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica, N. Y. Executive and Editorial Offices: 255 Fourth Ave., New York

Terms: $2.00 a year, postage paid in U. S. A. and Canada. Postage to other countries 50c extra. Remit by U. S. money order, express money order, check, or by draft payable in U. S. funds.
Change of Address: Must reach us 4 weeks before date of issue with which it is to take effect.

Copyright, 1929, by The Parents' Publishing Association, Inc.

Member Audit Bureau of Circulation

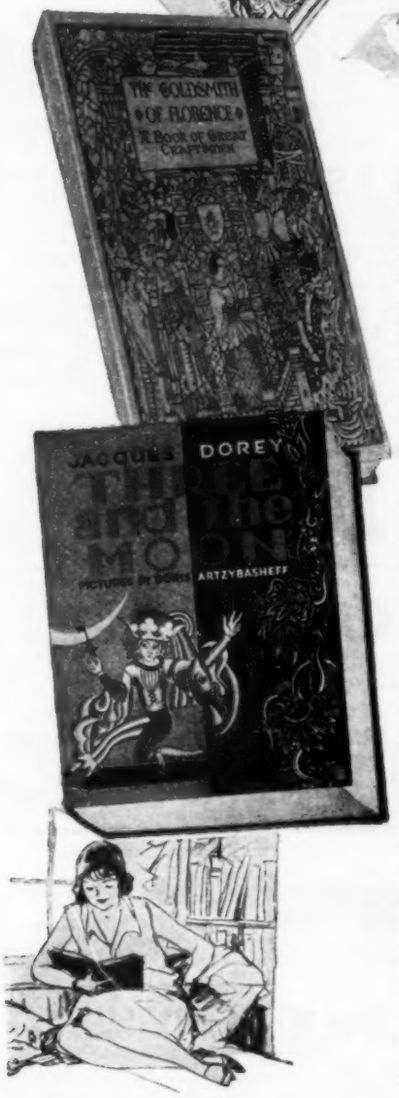
ADVERTISING DIRECTOR: Earle R. MacAusland

ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVES
Blanchard-Nichols-Coleman
Atlanta, Ga., Grant Bldg. *Chicago, Ill.*, 75 East Wacker Drive
Los Angeles, Cal., Lincoln Bldg. *San Francisco, Cal.*, Hunter-Dulin Bldg.
Seattle, Wash., Henry Bldg.

Birth Subscriptions: A year's subscription makes an ideal gift to the mother of a newborn child. Attractive notification card is sent.

Entered as second-class matter September 13, 1926, at the Post Office, Jamaica, N. Y., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

At Last! A Christmas Economy for Parents *that Lives for Many Years!*



HERE is the most glorious opportunity to save money at Christmas time ever offered busy, conscientious mothers and fathers. You prefer not to think of economy too much at this season. It is an open hearted, open handed time. Expense means very little because you are trying to create boundless happiness regardless of the cost. And nothing is too good for your boy and your girl.

Now you can provide the young people you love most with the best books obtainable—twelve volumes a year—selected by seven famous educators, at a great cash saving. And you need not pay for it at once. Low as the subscription fee is, it need not be paid now, while the effect of Christmas is straining the purse, but may be divided into convenient payments over a period of months.

You know how all boys and girls love books. You know how impossible it is for you to find the best ones for them. Now, Carl Van Doren, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Angelo Patri, Mrs. Sidonie M. Gruenberg, Helen Ferris, Katherine Ulrich and Harford Powel, Jr., find those books for you. The books pictured here are a few of their past selections. Some of these were sent to the younger children, from 8 to 12; others to boys between 12 and 16 and a third group to girls between 12 and 16. Each young member receives the books most appropriate to his age, specially printed and bound for members only with illustrations by world famous artists.

Special Christmas Offer

To make membership in the Junior Guild the most nearly perfect Christmas gift procurable at any price, all boys and girls who are enrolled before Christmas will be *Charter* Members. They will receive the beautiful pin, a subscription to their own magazine *Young Wings*, and the special December selection which falls in their age group. *That* makes a Christmas package that would gladden any heart. Rush the coupon to the Guild now, *at once*, so that you may study the plan, understand the tremendous saving and *make your boy or girl a member in time for Christmas Day!* An appropriate Christmas card will be sent you so that you can advise your boy or girl of this unusual gift in the true Christmas spirit.

THE JUNIOR LITERARY GUILD
Dept. 31 P. M.
55 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y.

THE JUNIOR LITERARY GUILD,
55 Fifth Ave., Dept. 31 P. M.
New York, N. Y.

You may send full details of the Junior Guild plan at once. No obligation of course.

Name.....

Address.....

City..... *State*.....

Master } .....
Miss } *Age*.....

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOLS

Schools—Boys

THE ASSOCIATION *of* MILITARY COLLEGES *and* SCHOOLS *of the* UNITED STATES
Illustrated Booklet sent on request
Five Park St. (Room 72) Boston, Mass.

WHITING HALL
Boys 8 to 16 preparing for last years at Andover, Exeter, Deerfield, etc. Beautiful location, Sudbury hills, twenty miles from Boston, near Wayside Inn and Concord. Homelike environment. Boys taught how to study. 23 acres. All sports. Arrangements can be made for Monday to Friday residence period.
CHARLES AIKEN, Headmaster. South Sudbury, Mass.

MITCHELL
For boys 8-16. 20 miles from Boston. Complete modern equipment. All athletic sports. Horsemanship. Good fellowship and homelike atmosphere. Camp Skylark in summer.
Address Alexander H. Mitchell, Box C, Billerica, Mass.

The CURTIS School
Grammar grades for 30 boys. Cultured, companionable faculty. Boys given allowances and "jobs" to teach responsibility. Sports. 55th year. Unique features explained in catalog. Address the **Headmaster, Box M, Brookfield Center, Conn.**

Rippowam Boys' School
has given years of service in solving problems for perplexed students and their parents. Primary to College. Athletics. Catalogue or conference on request.
Stamford, Conn. Tel. 3857

EDGEWOOD
A School that Develops **Imagination** and **Initiative** and Prepares Efficiently for College. A School in a Unique Setting that Appeals to **Modern Parents** Who Want **Progressive Education** for Boys 12-16. Coeducational.
For Fully Descriptive Catalog, Address
E. E. Langley, Principal
90 Rock Ridge Greenwich, Conn.

IRVING SCHOOL FOR BOYS
In beautiful, historic Irving country. 92nd year. Long record of successful preparation for College Board Examinations. Certificate privilege. Accredited N. Y. State Regents. Modern equipment. Catalog. **Box 950, Tarrytown-on-Hudson, N. Y. Rev. J. M. Furman, L.H.D., Headmaster.**

NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY
A SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION
Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Scarborough SCHOOL
37 miles from New York City
For Girls and Boys—Grades 1 to 12
15th year. Located on beautiful estate owned by Mr. Frank Vanderlip.
Honor Ideals. Accredited. Progressive Methods. Preparation for College by certificate or College Board Examinations.
Residence Department for Boys Address:
F. DEAN McCLUSKY, Assistant Director
Scarborough, New York

PEDDIE Six forms including two grammar grades. New fireproof building for younger boys—play shack in the woods. Men teachers. Sympathetic interest by house mothers. 150-acre campus. Athletics for every boy. **Box 12-H, Hightstown, N. J.**

These Schools . . .

have the endorsement of THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE. We have investigated them and recommend them in their respective fields. ¶ The directors will cheerfully send you catalogues and other literature to help you decide which school will fit your child's needs. Send full details regarding age, grade, etc. ¶ The Service Bureau is maintained to assist readers who have a school problem. We shall be glad to suggest schools that meet your requirements.

School Department
Regina McGarrigle, Director

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE
255 Fourth Ave., New York

Schools—Boys

BLAIR ACADEMY
A Widely-recognized School for 300 Boys
Beautiful Location 65 Miles from New York. Graduates in 29 Colleges. Thorough Preparation for College Board Examinations and Certificates. Junior School for 7th and 8th Grades.
Excellent Equipment. 310 Acres. Gymnasium, Pool. Athletics for all Boys.
For Catalog Address The Headmaster
Charles H. Breed, Ed. D. Box S, Blairstown, N. J.

FREEHOLD *Military School*
The School with the Personal Touch
Boys 6 to 15. A modified military system stressing obedience, orderliness and self-reliance. Supervised study and play.
Maj. C. M. Duncan, Principal, Box 122, Freehold, N. J.

KINGSLEY SCHOOL
Day and boarding. College preparatory for boys. 22 miles from N. Y. C. Junior School. Summer camp—Maine. Catalog.
THE HEADMASTER, BOX D, ESSEX FELLS, N. J.

SWARTHMORE
College preparatory with certificate privileges. Located in educational center 12 miles from Philadelphia. Lower school. Modern buildings. Gymnasium, swimming pool. Every boy in some sport. Catalog. **H. Roger Coleman, Head Master, Box 1224, Swarthmore, Pa.**

Schools—Boys

CARSON LONG MAKER OF MEN **Rate $500 93rd Year**
How to learn, how to labor, how to live.
A military School. 5th Grade to College. References required. Location 28 miles northwest of Harrisburg. Individual instruction. Enjoying now its greatest years. Box 12, New Bloomfield, Pa.

KEYSTONE ACADEMY
College preparatory. Certificate privileges. Junior school. Enrolment limited to 100 boys. In healthful Poconos, 15 miles from Scranton. Modern conveniences. All athletics. Catalog.
Earle R. Clesson, Head Master, Box P, Factoryville, Pa.

HARRISBURG ACADEMY 145th Year
Prepares for all colleges, experienced teachers; small classes; ideal location, new plant including Junior, Middler and Senior Departments. Large campus, fine playing fields and courts. Write for catalog. **Arthur E. Brown, Headmaster, Box A-125, Harrisburg, Pa.**

VALLEY FORGE MILITARY ACADEMY
New, fireproof buildings. R. O. T. C. unit, Class M, regular Army Officer detailed by War Department. All major sports. Moderate rates. *For catalog address* **Box P, Wayne, Pa.**

CHESTNUT HILL
Attention to the Individual Needs of Each Boy by Experienced Masters. Enviable College Record. Excellent Health Record. Junior and Senior Schools.
T. R. HYDE, M.A. (Yale), Box M, Chestnut Hill, Pa.

FISHBURNE MILITARY SCHOOL
Preparatory. In scenic, healthful Valley of Virginia. Aim—"Not the largest but the best." Boys from 20 states. 8 to 10 in a class. New gymnasium and swimming pool. Catalog.
Col. M. H. Hudgins, Box S, Waynesboro, Virginia.

BLUE RIDGE School for Boys
An accredited preparatory school of high standards and resultful methods. Summer session. Located in Picturesque "Land of the Sky." **J. R. Sandifer, Headmaster, Box C, Hendersonville, North Carolina.**

TODD **For 100 Boys (6 to 15) —82nd Year—**
The oldest school for boys in the West is today unique in its progressive methods. One hour from Chicago. *On C. & N. W. Ry. and Auto 19.* Visit or write for catalog.
NOBLE HILL, Prin., Box D13, Woodstock, Illinois

OHIO *Military Institute*
96th year. High location. Lower school for younger boys. New athletic field. Address **A. M. Henshaw, Supt., Box 48, College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

GULF COAST MILITARY ACADEMY
Skilled instructors; personal supervision. Graduates accredited eastern colleges. Two departments, Junior, 6 to 14; Senior, 14 and over. Open air quarters. Open year round. Write for Catalog. **R-11, Gulfport, Miss.**

"The School that stresses Scholarship"
BEVERLY SCHOOL FOR BOYS
Boarding and Day
Non-Sectarian and Non-Military
For boys (from 6 to 18) whose parents have their educational progress and physical welfare genuinely at heart. *Catalogue on request.*
368 So. Virgil Ave. Tel. DU 1485 Los Angeles, California

NORTON SCHOOL for Young Boys
A Boarding School for Grades 3 to 9.
Normal, happy life in a college town, guided by men who know the needs of boyhood. A New England education in the climate of Southern Calif. Here solid foundations are laid, both in scholarship and in character.
Frank P. Sleeper, Headmaster, Claremont, Calif.

Schools—Girls

OAK GROVE
A Quaker School for Girls

Emphasizes College Preparation, Music, Art, Expression, Physical Education

Joyous Outdoor Life Among Maine Hills

Box 123 **Vassalboro, Maine**

A Country School for Girls from 10 to 14 years of age

TENACRE
Preparatory To
DANA HALL

Excellent instruction, care and influence. All Sports and Athletics supervised and adapted to the age of the pupil.

Fourteen miles from Boston

Miss Helen Temple Cooke, Box F, Dana Hall, Wellesley, Mass.

MRS. BOLTON'S SCHOOL

A Boarding School for Girls. College Preparation—Dramatics—Art—Music—French—Outdoor Sports. Cultural home life. Special attention to the speaking voice and deportment. Catalog on request. **Mrs. Mary E. E. Bolton, Westport-on-Sound, Conn.** 80 minutes from N. Y.

Highland Manor

Country boarding school and Junior College for girls. Fully accredited. Non-sectarian. All grades. College preparatory, general, special courses. Music, art. Camp and summer school in Maine. **EUGENE H. LEHMAN, Director, Box M, Tarrytown-on-Hudson, N. Y.**

LOW AND HEYWOOD
A COUNTRY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Emphasizing college preparatory work. Also general and special courses. Separate cottages for younger girls 9 to 14. 63rd year. *Catalogue.*

Shippan Point, Stamford, Connecticut

EDGEWOOD

A School that Develops **Imagination** and **Initiative** and Prepares Efficiently for College. A School in a Unique Setting that Appeals to **Modern Parents** Who Want **Progressive Education** for Girls 12-16. Coeducational.

For Fully Descriptive Catalog, Address

E. E. Langley, Principal
95 Rock Ridge **Greenwich, Conn.**

WHAT FOR YOUR DAUGHTER?

MOUNT REGIS CHRISTI exclusive school solves that problem. Academic, College Preparatory, Secretarial. Music. Several hundred acres in the heart of the famous Shawangunk Mountains, only one hundred miles from New York City. Write: **SISTER DIRECTRESS, Box F, Warwarsing, Ulster County, N. Y.**

ARDSLEY SCHOOL for GIRLS

Westchester County. Ages 5—16. Kindergarten, Primary and Grammar grades. Junior High School. Physical Training and all sports featured. Music, Dancing, French. Roller and ice skating. **Phone Dobbs Ferry 244, or write Ardsley, N. Y.**

ROSE HAVEN
A Country Boarding School for 30 Girls, 5-15

Companionship of intelligent girls in charming home atmosphere. Unusual personal care. All sports. Sunny classrooms. Exceptional health record. Native French teacher. One hour from N.Y. *Address* MARY BURCHARD, Box 17-P, Tenafly, New Jersey.

ST. JOHN'S *School*

A progressive School for Girls. Lower School 5-14. Upper School 14 through College Preparatory. Advanced Courses. Non-sectarian. Catalog. Marinda P. Davis, Principal. Box P, Mountain Lakes, N. J.

NATIONAL PARK SEMINARY
Junior College, College Preparatory

For booklet address: The Registrar (Box 70), Forest Glen, Md.

Warrenton Country School

Planned to teach girls how to study, to bring them nearer nature, and to inculcate ideas of order and economy. College Preparatory and Cultural Courses. Cottage for young girls. French the language of the house. **Mlle. Lea M. Beuligny, Box 86, Warrenton, Va.**

Schools—Girls

PATON HALL
The Pennington School for Girls—In the Country Near Detroit

TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP

College Preparatory and General Courses. Junior and Senior High, Post Graduate. **Affiliated with Camp Interlochen, Interlochen, Mich.** For Catalogs:

Mrs. P. O. Pennington, c/o Paton Hall, Romeo, Mich.

EL PASO SCHOOL for GIRLS

A distinguished preparatory school, fully accredited. Outdoor classes. Delightful climate. Riding—Sports. Distinctive curriculum. References required. Catalog. **Box 6129, El Paso, Texas. Lucinda de L. Templin, Ph.D., Principal.**

The Mary Lyon School

Distinguished college preparation. General, cultural courses. Riding, swimming, golf, Wildcliff graduate school. Music, art, dramatics, homemaking, secretaryship. Seven Gables, girls 6-12. Catalog. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Crist, Box 1550, Swarthmore, Pa.

A winning team

Schools—Special

HAWLEY SCHOOL

For little children needing individual attention. Limited to a small group. Open all year.

Booklet on request

MARION L. HAWLEY

Hilltop Place Rye, New York

A SPECIAL SCHOOL
FOR BOYS

Individualized schedule of work and study. All sports, swimming, horseback riding. 41 miles from New York in the beautiful hills of Westchester County.

For information write to

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOOL
RUDOLPH S. FRIED, *Principal*
Box O **Katonah, New York**

ROSEHILL
for nervous or retarded children

Individual teaching and training under child specialist (M.D.). Experienced staff. Beautiful, secluded country estate near Philadelphia; 15 acres of sunny slopes. Own vegetables, eggs, etc. Moderate rates.

Mrs. Anne M. Pope, Box A, Chester Heights, Del. Co., Pa.

The MILLER SCHOOL
For Boys

who have fallen behind their comrades. Homelike atmosphere. All grades including H. S. Individual instruction achieves progress. Manual training, arts and crafts. Athletics with special corrective exercises. Supervised play.

Address: Miller School, Somerton, Phila., Pa.

The Margaret Freeman School

For retarded boys. Home atmosphere, scientific physical care under sympathetic, well-trained instructors who understand boys. Fifty acres in beautiful country of Perkiomen Valley 30 miles from Phila. Kindergarten School for young boys. **Address Director, Box P, Schwenksville, Pa.**

OUR SERVICE BUREAU

is for you. Won't you let us help you in selecting the right school for your son or daughter? We have a diversified and interesting selection of schools to choose from.

New York City—Special

The Nitchie School of Lip Reading, Inc.

Established 1903 **Chartered by the Board of Regents**

Instruction in lip reading for children with defective hearing, supplementary to their work in private or public schools. Coaching in school subjects for children retarded by deafness.

Also instruction in lip reading for adults.

Suite 912
342 Madison Avenue **New York City**

PARKSIDE SPECIAL SCHOOL

A day school for exceptional children, 6 to 15 years, who require individual instruction.

MARION B. HERRSCHAFT, Directress
109 East 61st St., New York City.

The Child of Retarded Mentality

needs special teaching and training to enable him to take his place in the home and in society.

Individual instruction by specially qualified teacher with unusual experience.

Miss Clare O'Gorman, 138 E. 38th St., New York, N. Y.

SCHOOL FOR LIP READING AND SPEECH CORRECTION
Individual Instruction

Instruction to hard-of-hearing children a specialty, enabling them to be in a school with normal children.

Miss Ella Braunlich, 154 East 79th St., New York City

The Wright Oral School

One Mount Morris Park, West
New York City

A Private Boarding and Day School for pupils with imperfect hearing.

Founded in 1894

Small enough to be a real home and yet large enough to be a real school.

Correspondence Course for Mothers of Little Deaf Children

Schools—Special

BANCROFT
SCHOOL FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

Established 1883

- For children from five to sixteen requiring individual instruction. Highly trained staff including resident Physician and Nurse.
- Modern equipment. Home environment with ample opportunity for outdoor activities.
- Summer camp on Maine coast affords complete change of climate for four months under same staff.

Catalogue on Request

DIRECTORS

E. A. Farrington, M.D., *and* Jenzia C. Cooley
Box 332 **Haddonfield** **New Jersey**

The "Individual" School

HEDLEY

SPECIALIZED academic and home training for the problem child. Boys 5-15, girls 5-20. Restricted. Resident physician. Summer camp. Half hour from Phila. Catalog. Box P. **Glenside, Pa.**

THE WOODS' SCHOOL

For Exceptional Children — Three Separate Schools

GIRLS **BOYS** **LITTLE FOLKS**

Camp with Summer Tutoring. Booklet. Box 168, Langhorne, Pa. **Mrs. Mollie Woods Hare, Principal.**

The Hill-Young School of Speech
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

A home school for children of good mentality who have been delayed in speech or have any type of speech difficulty. All grade subjects taught. Special plans for children from three to six years. Individual tuition.

SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

Books for use in the home. Price $2.00 each.

"Help for You Who Stutter"
"Overcoming Cleft-Palate Speech"

Principals—Mr. and Mrs. G. Kelson Young
2809-15 So. Hoover St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Schools—Co-Ed

FRENCH 11th SEASON **OUT of DOOR** PLAY GROUPS

For Boys and Girls of Kindergarten and Primary Ages. Afternoon sessions.

MISS LILLY GRIMM,
75 W. 92nd St., New York, N. Y. Riverside 1039

NURSERY-SCHOOL Babcock Scott

Planned to meet the needs of professional parents. Hours 8:30 to 5:30. Outdoor playground. Outdoor naps. SUNSHINE. Small boarding group. **Florence L. Babcock, B.S. Sarah P. Scott, R.N., 235 West 76th St., N. Y. C., Pent House. Endicott 2874.**

Miss Macfarlane's
CLASSES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
Pre-Primary and Primary
158 East Fifty-Sixth Street
Plaza 0278 New York

ESSIE OLIVE ABEEL SCHOOL
Hackensack, N. J.

A School with Practical Ideals. Cultural and Ethical Instruction. Dancing, Art, Music, Dramatic Art. Pre-Kindergarten through College Preparation. Children 2½-4 carefully trained in supervised play and home activity.

A limited number of boarding pupils

293 Lookout Avenue **Phone Hackensack 5757**

Packard Manor Children's School
On the beautiful Lake Chautauqua

Where Home and School life are combined to mold small and growing minds and bodies into intelligent and virile youth, mentally, morally, physically and socially. Boys from 2 to 15; Girls from 2 to 12. Dr. Garry Cleveland Myers, eminent child psychologist, is the Psycho-Educational Consultant for this school. Hilda Heath DeMarko, Director. Address **Packard Manor Children's School, Chautauqua, N.Y.**

Cedarlawn
A Year Round School and Camp for Children 3-10

A homelike environment and individual instruction combine the best influences of both home and school.

Unusual grade instruction
Sympathetic kindergarten training
French—Music—Dancing
Fresh meats, fresh fruits, milk and vegetables
45 minutes from New York

Mrs. Helen L. Pragnell, **253 Central Avenue, Lawrence, L. I.**

FAIRHOPE Year Round Country School
93 Minutes from New York

8th year. Boys, Girls, 2 to 12. Homelike environment, usual studies, creative handwork, individual development; riding, farming, 50-acre estate. Moderate rates.

MR. and MRS. JOHN C. CONROY
Ridgefield, Conn. **Telephone, 630**

ST. ELIZABETH-OF-THE-ROSES

Connecticut, Stamford, Shippan Point. A Mother School. Episcopal. Open all year. Children 3 to 12. One hour from New York. Usual studies. Outdoor sports. Summer Camp. **Mrs. W. B. STODDARD, Directress (Phone Stamford 4101).**

MERRICOURT School and Camp Children 3-10

Individual instruction, kindergarten through 6th grade. Home atmosphere, parental care, proper diet. Beautiful location, large lawns, gardens, orchard. Private coasting hill, swimming, careful supervision. Always open. **REV. and MRS. JOHN C. KINGSBURY, Berlin, Conn.**

Hessian Hills School

a modern country school for boys and girls, nursery to high school. Day and boarding.

CROTON-ON-HUDSON, N. Y.

CROASDALE Country School and Nursery.

A select, unique, all-year school and refined home for little children whose parents appreciate the value of country life and individual instruction for their little ones. Overlooking beautiful lake. One hour from New York. **Lora M. Warner, Prin., Mountain Lakes, N. J. Phone, Boonton 781.**

MONTESSORI Children's Village

Est. 1914 Year Round
CHILDREN TWO TO TWELVE YEARS
Mrs. Anna Paist-Ryan, Wycombe, Pa.

Under 12!

One of the most striking features of progressive education is evidenced by the many schools for small boys and girls only, that are in existence today. Many parents have been won over to the desirability of sending the very small members of the family into the school-home environment provided in these schools.

The schools listed in these columns represent the new trend in schools for small children. They are co-educational, and work on a broad, informal program stressing the spiritual and physical growth as well as the mental.

School Department
THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE
255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Schools—Co-Ed

EAST GREENWICH ACADEMY

On Narragansett Bay. Prepares for college or business. Co-educational. Homelike atmosphere. All sports. Separate Junior School. Catalog. A. T. SCHUDMAIER, Box 11, East Greenwich, R. I.

CHERRY LAWN SCHOOL

Outdoor progressive school for boys and girls 9 to 18. Large faculty-limited enrollment.

Dr. Fred Goldfrank, Director, Darien, Ct.

Chevy Chase Country School

Children 4 to 14. Experienced, sympathetic care in home of directors. Ideal health conditions. Small classes. High standards. Summer camp in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood Cobb, Chevy Chase, Md.

The Out-of-Door School
Sarasota, Florida
Day School and Boarding Department
Decroly Method in Lower School
Tutoring for Tourist pupils
Sunshine and Swimming all the year

The Bermuda School
DEVONSHIRE, BERMUDA

Sunshine all winter for children 6 to 13. Modern school with specialized New York teachers. One fee covers all—tuition, music, arts, horseback riding, outfit, traveling expenses. Daily swimming.

Ruth Ingalls, Director, 55 West 42nd St., New York
Room 818 *Pennsylvania 6882*

BROADOAKS, Inc.
School of Child Research

Progressive Open Air School

Nursery School, Kindergarten, Parental education. Boarding home for children under six years.

714 West California St. **Pasadena, Calif.**

Dancing

RHYTHM MUSIC MOVEMENT

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF DALCROZE EURYTHMICS
Paul Boepple, Director

—Rhythmic Movement—Solfege—Improvisation—Piano—Based on Modern Education Principles—Music made vitally interesting to Children—Freedom, Self-expression going hand-in-hand with voluntary self-discipline.

Booklet on Request—Dept. "P"
9 East 59th Street, New York
Volunteer 1357

THE CHILDREN'S STUDIO
Music
Rhythm and the Dance
MR. and MRS. ROBERT D'ARANTE
Susq. 1433—Studios 205-206—54 W. 74th St., N. Y.

Camps

YOUR favorite young friend will love the gift of a summer in camp and you will have given him more than a "season's greetings." Health, good times and a deep educational experience will be his.

PINE BLUFF CAMP
FOR BOYS

34 years of successful operation on Long Island
2 hours from New York City
H. C. PETTIT, M.D., 106 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

CAMP BAY STATE
Tilton, New Hampshire
For boys 7 to 18—Eighth Season
For Catalog or References write
EDWIN J. MELLEN, 60 Slade St., Belmont, Mass.

OCEAN WAVE Peermont (Avalon) Cape May County, N. J.

The modern idea—A **Seashore Camp** for **inland** boys. Limited number. $185 for 8 weeks. Part time rates.

W. FULLER LUTZ, M.A.
College Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

Junaluska, N. C. *For girls, in the "Land of the Sky"*

On beautiful **Lake Junaluska**, 25 miles west of Asheville. Swimming, canoeing, riding, hiking, nature lore, etc. Girls from 23 states. **Miss Ethel J. McCoy, Director, Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va.**

Write to the School Department if you have difficulty in finding the right school.

Who Pays for Absences?

Every pupil absent causes financial loss to his school or his parents. If principals allow for illness they unbalance the school income; if they do not, parents must pay for what they never receive.

In England 600 schools have found the solution in School Fees Insurance. The same plan is now available to schools in this country.

School Fees Insurance costs the schools nothing. It offers protection to parents who desire it. Moreover, it distinguishes schools which are conscientious in regard to their patrons' interests. Address:

A. W. G. DEWAR
The Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited
One Park Avenue, New York

ADD-A-PEARLS

—at Christmas . . .

Girls Want A Lasting Gift

A NECKLACE of genuine oriental pearls of her very own! What girl does not thrill at such a thought. And today through the ADD-A-PEARL IDEA it is possible for girls everywhere to possess an ADD-A-PEARL NECKLACE. It may be started with five, seven, or more genuine oriental pearls on a fine gold chain. Each ADD-A-PEARL on the original necklace, as well as all additional pearls, is a gem of the finest quality obtainable. Ask mother and Dad to give you an ADD-A-PEARL NECKLACE this Christmas.

Additional Pearls

Additional ADD-A-PEARLS are attractively mounted on special cards in a gift box. They may be secured in units of one, two, three or more pearls in the various sizes.

To Parents

Invest in an ADD-A-PEARL NECKLACE for your girl this Christmas. The beauty of these exquisite genuine oriental pearls, in addition to the increasing value of the necklace each year, make the ADD-A-PEARL NECKLACE an ideal gift. The initial necklace started with five or more pearls on a fine gold chain grows every year when relatives and friends give additional pearls on all gift occasions. It is truly "The Gift That Lives and Grows".

* * *

An ADD-A-PEARL NECKLACE may be started for as low as ten dollars. Additional pearls two dollars or more. Consult your jeweler.

THE ADD-A-PEARL COMPANY, Chicago

When Age Chuckles

"YOU are the youngest looking grandfather I ever saw. What's the secret?" "My dear, two things. The good health that I have worked for and won—and a keen interest in life. With books, music, sports, travel, inventions—each day brings something new. I want to see what will follow the telephone, radio, automobile, aircraft—what electricity will do next. . . ."

No longer do scientists accept the idea of a fixed "span of life". They know that the average length of life is longer in some countries than in others. They know that babies fare more safely in the world —that people everywhere face fewer dangers today from contagious and other diseases.

While the average length of life has increased by 10 years since 1901, the improvement has been achieved mainly among the younger ages, leaving as our most pressing problem the protection of the lives of those who have passed middle age.

One by one the perils which formerly caused untimely deaths are being conquered. "Witches" are not burned nowadays to stop plagues. On the other hand, sanitation, vaccination, inoculation and other scientific means are employed to prevent most of them.

People are learning the effect of fresh air, sunshine, cleanliness, proper breathing and exercise, sleep and a well-balanced diet. An annual medical examination for the discovery and correction of physical impairments before they have progressed too far to be remedied will help keep the body sound.

In the United States and Canada there are more than 2,500,000 people between 70 and 80 years of age; more than 600,000 between 80 and 90; fifty-odd thousand between 90 and 100; and about 5,000 past the century mark.

The person who plans wisely to live to a happy and ripe old age never forgets that the mind is a powerful influence and that physical troubles are apt to follow a morbid viewpoint.

The world is tingling today with promise of future marvels even more wonderful than those we now know. Live to enjoy them.

* * *

You will find that the Metropolitan booklet, "Health, Happiness and Long Life", will help. Ask for Booklet 129-Y. Mailed free.

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

FREDERICK H. ECKER, PRESIDENT — ONE MADISON AVE., NEW YORK, N. Y.

Old Christmases *for* New

An Editorial Message

By ANNE PIERCE

Associate Editor, THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE

WHEN you are immersed in the welter of ribbons and tissue paper, cards and gifts, tinsel, electric lights and special cookery, that has somehow, to our honest amazement, come to be Christmas, the joy and exhilaration of it tinctured with weariness, do you ever have a fleeting, disquieting vision in the back of your mind of that first Christmas some two thousand years ago?

The hush of dimly lighted stable (for in the crowded Inn the Child could not be born); the starlight of unwonted beauty; the three wise men coming eagerly, noiselessly across the desert bearing their few rare gifts, precious chiefly because they symbolized love, praise and remembrance; the warm glow of wonder that diffuses itself through the words of all those who have handed the record down to us—these things made Christmas in the beginning.

What has happened to Christmas is, of course, what has happened to our lives in general. It has been caught up in the fast-flowing, phosphorescent current of our electric commercial age, and willy nilly we find ourselves making a rather laborious, gorgeous festival of what was to have been an oasis of peace and refreshment, dedicated to The Child who from immemorial days had been called "The Prince of Peace."

Could we not without breeding unhappiness or disappointment, create a truer sense of values by giving more place in our plans to the day's real significance, making more use of the real symbols of Christmas on cards, in gifts, and greetings, fostering the vision that by its own sheer beauty has drifted down the years penetrating and coloring song and story, art and poetry, beyond and above all theologies and creeds?

We wish for you above all else a peaceful Christmas with a fire on the hearth, a candle in the window, a community tree outside, a warm glow about the heart, and children bright-eyed and eager.

Said Plato, "Wondering inquiry and inquiring wonder are the root of all knowledge." Might he not have added that they are also the wellsprings of joy and zest for life? It was this same inquiring wonder, praised of the Greek philosopher four hundred years before the birth of Christ, that sent the wise men on their quest to find The Child. It is this same urge that drives us on today to find the child, to know what he really is and to give him every opportunity to unfold, to keep alive in him this wonder which precludes all cynicism, hardness and world weariness.

We wish for you and yours a never-dying wonder concerning the deep undercurrents of life and an increasing tenderness for the births and crucifixions of all its strivings.

"The future of the race marches forward on the feet of little children"—*Phillips Brooks*

Photograph by Clara E. Sipprell

Christmas Morning

The Religious Training of Our Children

Are modern parents neglecting the religious guidance of their children? When it should begin and what form it may take are discussed in this article

By Helen K. Patch

THERE are two possible opinions concerning religious beginnings which are held by those who believe that religion has any valid existence at all: one, that the child is endowed from the first with what may be described as a religious instinct; on the other hand, religion is held to be a purely synthetic faculty which gives focus to various instinctive characteristics in a child's nature. In any case, children differ very widely in the time and manner in which their religious impulses first express themselves, partly I think, because children are unequally endowed with a talent for religion, but more particularly because, as parents, we offer them such widely varying opportunities for religious growth—or for religious atrophy—or deformity, as the case may be!

One thing is certain, that a child is capable of receiving religious impressions long before he is fully articulate himself, and *long* before he is capable of receiving religious instruction. Modern observation of infant behavior would hardly concede that the delightful expressions of awe and wonder which cross a baby's face are due to a consciousness of a surrounding heaven from which it trails the clouds of glory ascribed to it by Wordsworth. But it does not seem to me to deny all religious emotions to a young child to assert that such emotion would be fused with its love and dependence on its parents. Just as one attempts to wean the child's affections from a focus solely on its parents to friends, to teachers and to the wider loyalties which form the natural scale for social development, it is necessary to direct the child's love, his dependence on his parents, his sense of well-being, his sense of beauty, into channels which will make it possible for him to discern the presence of God in life. The object to be borne in mind in the management of the varying experiences which come to the child is to increase his receptivity and to provide him with always increasing and enriched avenues of approach to God.

Most children are sensitive to beauty in nature. Whether their interest is artistic and imaginative or simply curious and investigative, their perceptions of nature are, in most cases, their first opportunity to find the immanence of God in their world. Their observations are inevitably accompanied with comments on the intricate beauty or the grandeur of what they see or with a stream of questions: where does it come from? what makes it? why is it like that? These leading remarks create quite obviously the opportunities to begin the first lessons in training children in color sense and design or in biology and geological history, but what a loss of opportunity if they are not also used to start the child on a philosophical pathway. A child who is old enough to ask what made the rocks hard or what keeps the stars in the sky is quite old enough to take hold of the idea of a Primal Cause and of the Sustaining Force which perpetually holds the universe together. Ideally, I think that an awareness of God's continued immanence should become a commonplace in a child's daily experience. When my youngest child was about twenty months old her French nurse used to call her attention on bright mornings to the fact that "le bon Dieu" had sent her sunshine to play in and for a long time after the baby herself had achieved some command of speech, she never failed to point out the spot of sunshine when it appeared on the wall announcing to me that God had given her a piece of His sunshine. I am convinced that children have much less difficulty in understanding an abstract truth than is generally supposed; their minds are unencumbered with the chaos of associations and prejudices which often make clear thinking difficult for us and so they can appropriate and make use of purely spiritual conceptions with surprising directness. Children growing up now, for whom the radio is a commonplace and who will doubtless discover new (*Turn to page* 46)

Oh, Bring Not Gold!

By

Violet Alleyn Storey

Oh, bring not gold this Christmas night!
'Twas gold that Gaspar bore.
And bring not frankincense such as
Was borne by Melchior;
Nor myrrh whose dusky breath perfumed
Slim hands of Balthasar!
No; bring not these, the gifts of earth,
However rich you are!
What has a Child to do with gold
And greedy bartering;
And what to do with frankincense
And stilted worshipping?
What has a Child to do with myrrh
And tombs, death-staled and dim?
Nay; have you coffers, crowns, rich robes,
Bring not these gifts to Him!

But come to Him this Christmas night
As once the shepherds came,
With empty hands, yet, in their eyes,
Burned wonder's subtle flame,
And in their minds, was quiet faith,
And in their hearts the tall
White flower of love. Such gifts they bore
Who bore no gifts at all.

Now, in your eyes, let wonder be;
Let love be in your heart;
Faith in your mind, unworldly things
Not sold in any mart—
And yet, a Child had need of these.
Who bear such gifts, draw nigh!
For these give peace not frankincense
Nor myrrh nor gold can buy.

If a Child has "TAKING

Stealing is a harsh word but it denotes article suggests ways

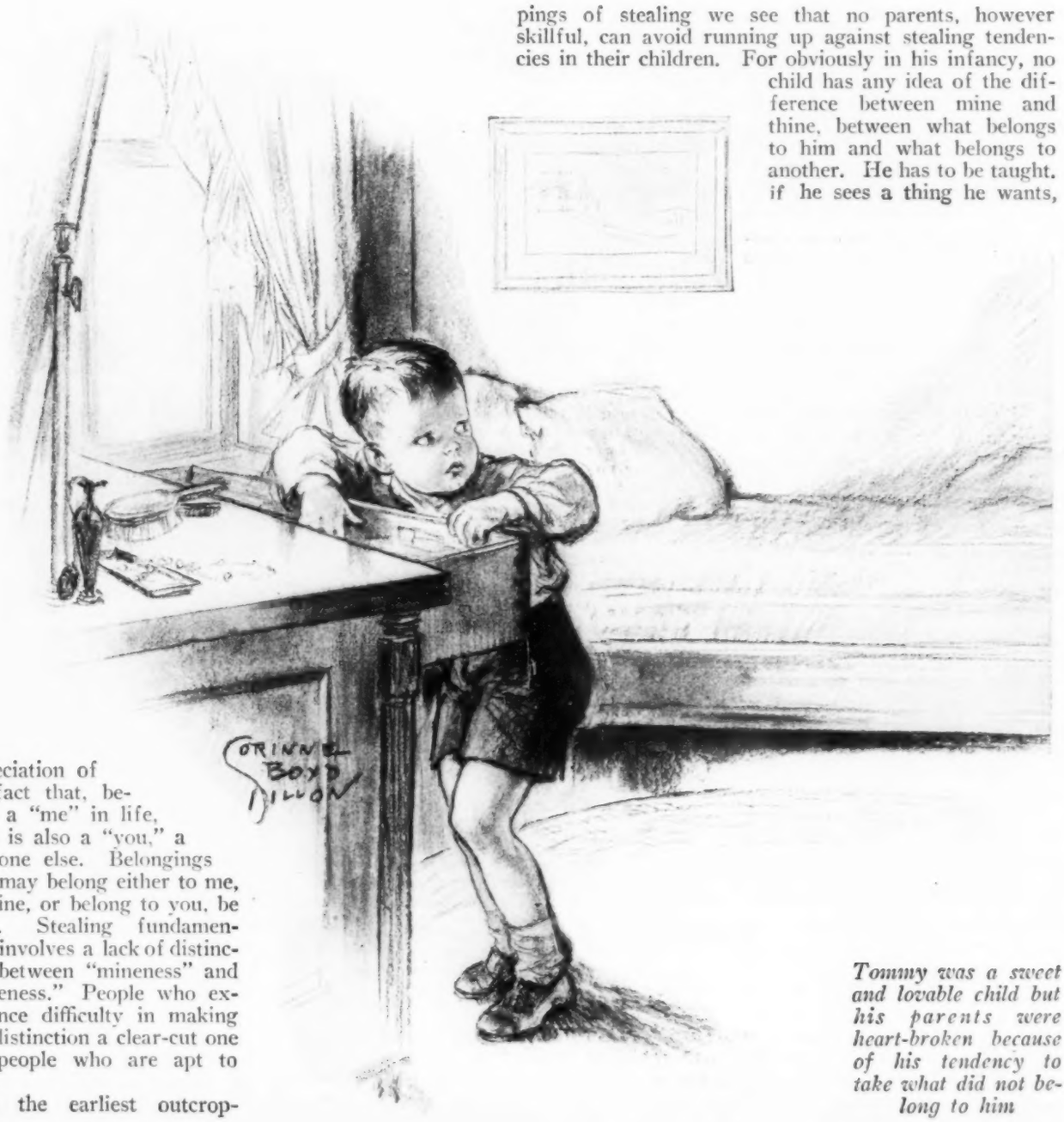
By H. M. TIEBOUT, M. D.

Institute for Child Guidance, New York City

MANY parents are shocked and even terrified to find that one of the problems they face in bringing up their children is that of stealing. Perhaps fathers, even more than mothers, are horrified when this particular problem presents itself and severe punishment of one kind or another is frequently resorted to in an attempt to cure the child of this tendency.

This article will deal mainly with early outcroppings of stealing on the part of children—how it begins and possible ways of dealing with it. But first of all just what is meant by the word stealing? It may be defined as the taking, without permission, of things which belong to another. As I see it, the significant part of this definition is its last word "another." It means an appreciation of the fact that, besides a "me" in life, there is also a "you," a someone else. Belongings then may belong either to me, be mine, or belong to you, be thine. Stealing fundamentally involves a lack of distinction between "mineness" and "thineness." People who experience difficulty in making this distinction a clear-cut one are people who are apt to steal.

In the earliest outcroppings of stealing we see that no parents, however skillful, can avoid running up against stealing tendencies in their children. For obviously in his infancy, no child has any idea of the difference between mine and thine, between what belongs to him and what belongs to another. He has to be taught. if he sees a thing he wants,



Tommy was a sweet and lovable child but his parents were heart-broken because of his tendency to take what did not belong to him

"WAYS"

a problem that many parents face. This of guarding against it

Illustrated by Corinne Boyd Dillon

whether it belongs to him or not, he takes it. The infant is excused because he is not supposed to know any better. An adult who does the same thing is called a thief. But the beginning of the trouble for the adult goes back to his childhood when his training should have planted firmly in his mind the difference between mine and thine. If the child fails to receive this training, behavior known as stealing often results.

Usually most training is directed toward instilling in the child an awareness of "thine." Let us look at what actually happens. The infant, through some good fortune, has picked up a rubber ball which is his and does with it as he pleases. So far, so good. Then he picks up a ball of yarn which, despite a certain crude similarity, happens to be neither a toy nor his. The object is usually snatched away from him and at the same time he is scolded, told he "mustn't touch" and he may even get his hands slapped. He is receiving his initiation into awareness certainly of the "not mine" concept, even if the "thine" is a bit obscured. Actually he is being disciplined, he is being taught he must not—a distinctly negative method of treatment.

But isn't there something better than just disciplining him into an acceptance of the "not mine" in life? I think there is. I believe every effort should be made to instill in the child a real understanding of the "mine" side of the picture. Or, to phrase it differently, we can try to instill in the child a sense of ownership, a recognition that there are some things which are all his own. Little children grasp the practical distinction "mine" much sooner than they do "thine." No doubt everyone has seen a youngster justifying his refusal to part with a precious belonging with the grim statement, "You can't have it, it's mine." At the same time, he may cling vigorously to the toy of another, crying, "But I want it, I want it!" Clearly enough, this youngster has not yet reached the stage in his mental development at which he can distinguish "mine" from "thine." As he grows intellectually and becomes able to make this distinction, one may say to him when he takes the previously mentioned stand of crying "I want it!" "That is Dickie's, but perhaps if you let him play with your truck (a highly prized possession) he will be glad to let you play with his fire-engine." If the child remonstrates at parting with his beloved truck there is the opportunity to suggest that perhaps Dickie feels badly about not having his own fire-engine, a point which the child is now in a better position to appreciate since he has been threatened with the loss of something precious of his own. In other words, because he has an awareness of the "mine" element, he can perceive more easily the "thine." In this way, "the concept of thine" becomes very real and tangible and the distinction between "mine" and "thine" finds its place in the thinking, feeling and acting of the child.

The aim in child training, therefore, is to insure the development within the child of a realization of ownership. There are at least three pitfalls which may be encountered. In the first place, in order to have a feeling of ownership the child must actually own something. In the second place, the child must not only own things, but he must be genuinely fond of these things, prize them highly as possessions. In the third place, the child must be really sure that they are his, that ownership is undivided.

To take up the first point—actual ownership: naturally very few children are so totally deprived that they have not one or two articles which they can call their own. I was once consulted, however, by a harassed foster-mother who had recently taken a seven-year-old boy out of an orphans' home. He was a very attractive child, sweet, lovable, and (*Turn to page* 81)

Can Sex be Determined?

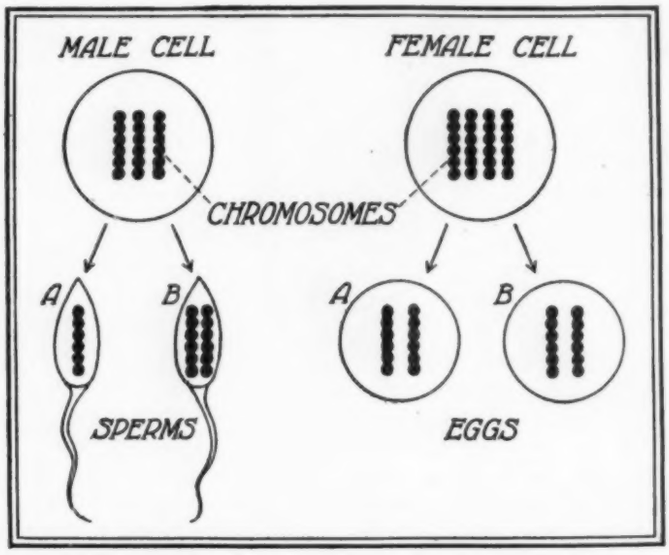
Scientists are controlling and even changing the sex of certain animals. Is it possible that this may lead to methods for controlling the sex of human beings? Read what an eminent scientist has to say

By OSCAR RIDDLE, PH. D.

Carnegie Institution of Washington

FOR thousands of years parents have wondered over the every-day observation that boys and girls are born in approximately equal numbers; and in all ages fathers and mothers have felt concern over the sex of an expected child. But it is for men of the present generation only that the real answer may replace the wonder, and only now that concern can be tempered with fairly satisfactory knowledge. The new facts are not generally known and it seems particularly worthwhile to examine them in their relationship to some still more recent conquests of experimental biology.

Let us first observe that in the absence of knowledge as to the real way in which the sex of the child is determined man has not hesitated to invent many false and futile theories to account for it. As long ago as 1672 a French physician could find and list 262 theories of sex determination. The number of theories invented since that time is unknown, but the seventeenth century figure is now probably more than doubled. Though many of these bizarre views still have their adherents we shall here speak of only one. Even today, we are told that in some of the temples of Korea, a large stone is mounted on a pivot so that it can be turned like a turnstile. The expectant mother who wishes her child to be a boy turns this stone around *once;* more frequent turning brings blessings on the children she already has. This odd method of attempting to predetermine or control the sex of the child is probably quite as good as any that has been proposed.



A simplified diagram showing that unequal numbers of chromosomes are present in the cells of males and females. Also, that the cell-division which produces the germ cells regularly gives rise to eggs of only one type but to sperms of two types. The sex of the offspring is normally decided by the type of sperm which happens to unite with the egg

At present it is especially desirable that the public should understand the actual way in which sex is normally determined because of the fact that experiments have shown that it is possible to effect an actual control or reversal of sex in several lower animals and in plants. This demonstration is of much importance to biological theory, and to the theory of heredity; but at the moment this fine accomplishment also irrigates a field in which the weeds of jingoism may easily grow. The control hitherto accomplished has been exercised on animals which put their eggs and embryos within the easy reach of the experimentalist; and the methods thus far used are such as provide little or no probability of successful application to the human; again, the transformations that have been made would be undesirable in human offspring. But the jingo chorus is not disturbed by facts; its purpose is served by continuous delivery to an interested and believing audience. The progress of knowledge nevertheless brings one real gain over former days in that it is now possible to refute absurd claims by well-tested facts and principles.

The preceding remarks should make it evident that the general question of the determination of sex in living things involves more than the question of the normal way in which the sex of human offspring is decided. It will be simpler, however, to examine this normal mechanism before considering other matters which also press for an answer. The beginning of this story—like the beginning of most biological discussions—is concerned with the cell. Everybody knows that eggs and sperms are cells, and that females produce the one while males produce the other. It is also well known that favorable unions of egg and sperm develop into embryos and individuals. During the years from 1902 to 1909 it was learned that the males of many animals, including man, produce two kinds of sperms; also, that sex is decided by the kind of sperm which unites with the egg. It is thus clear that a look at the differences between these two kinds of sperms should give a fairly clear idea of the basis on which sex is normally determined.

The essential point concerning sperm differences, including the way in which these (*Turn to page* 50)

School Before Five

Just what a nursery school is and what it may mean in the life of a child is told in this article

Every child takes his turn at serving the dinner at each table

By EDNA BRAND MANN

As you step into the hall, if you are lucky enough to be a child who is entering nursery school, you may wish to stop for a drink at the fountain. This is no ordinary fountain where Mother has to lift you up for an uncomfortable sip. It is a fountain made just for you, about two feet high and with fresh water which bubbles when you press the handle.

If you are a very wise child, you may sense that this is no mere fountain, but rather a sign-post and that you are on the threshold of a new world—a Children's World.

In it, there will be no "Don't touch," "Stop," "Look out," "Sit still," "Leave mother's sewing box alone," "Stop opening the ice-box door." There will be no tone which says as clearly as words, "What a pest a three-year-old child can be!"

Before entering this delightful world, you will stop a few minutes in the nurse's office. She examines every child each day to see that he has no cold or other contagious ailment. Yours is a very susceptible age and must be specially guarded from infection. Already you have been immunized against diphtheria.

Now you are through and ready for the day's work. You are not only ready but eager because all your work, though serious and important, is really play.

"Hello, Joan," you hear as you enter your world of two-, three- and four-year-olds.

"New coat," comments two-year-old Junior.

"Two Shoesees," notes Junior's twin sister.

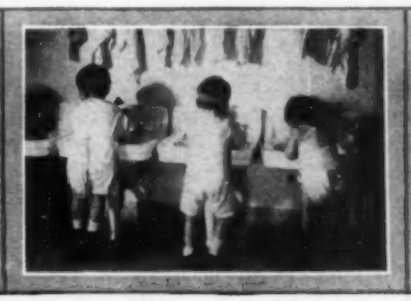
"Hang up coat," orders four-year-old Morton, quite a man and a boss.

You unbutton your coat. It is hard work but you stick at it. There is no hurry as there is at home when Mother must rush you off in time for school. She always feeds you and buttons and unbuttons you because you take too long. She is always in such a rush, with so many things to attend to—the telephone, the doorbell, the dumbwaiter, Daddy, baby sister. But here in school there are only children, and all the time in the world. Other children come in and unbutton beside you. Some need help from Miss L., but they all try to help themselves. They do better each day—or week—or month—according to their natures.

You are ready to hang up your coat in the children's coat closet. You can easily reach the peg (*Turn to page* 54)

Climbing is an important part of a child's education and so it is encouraged in Nursery School

How to play happily in a group is one of the most important lessons



Miniature washstands help each child to enjoy keeping clean

The child's first school-books are big ones filled with pictures

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Lists of toys that will appeal to children of
Consult them and make

H. Armstrong Roberts

Much of a child's play is an imitation of adult activities. That's why little girls like housekeeping toys

Parent-Teacher Associations, Mothers' Clubs and Child Study Groups are invited to use this article and the outline for study on page 97 at their next meeting

"I DON'T see why you can't find anything to do, Bobby. Your playroom is full of toys," says Mother.

"The trouble with these children," says Father, looking up from his paper, "is that they have too many toys. They're spoiled, that's what's the matter. Why, when I was a boy——"

A familiar domestic scene. As often as it occurs—and it happens in the best households—it still remains difficult for modern mothers and fathers to understand. On the one hand, here is a bored, discontented child, complaining that he has "nothing to do" although he has a roomful of playthings. On the other hand, is a little girl ignoring a costly toy and intent on an empty cardboard candy-box which she calls a "camera."

Most of us sigh and remark that "children are like that," or, if we stop to question at all, we conclude that something is wrong with these modern children. Surrounded by every kind of plaything that money can provide, they appear to us discontented, spoiled, pampered or unappreciative. Yet, on thoughtful consideration, is it entirely fair to blame these children for a situation for which they are in no way responsible? If we are determined to understand modern children and their toy problem, it would, perhaps, be more logical to seek the cause of their discontent, rather than to dismiss it with disparaging generalities.

Many parents are inclined to look upon early childhood as an empty, wasted interlude in a child's life, during which he does nothing but play until he becomes old enough to "learn." To make this early portion of his life easier and more interesting, as well as to make our own lives more peaceful, we provide him with playthings.

But modern educators and present-day child psychologists give us an entirely different interpretation of play, and as a result we should have an entirely new conception of playthings. They tell us that a child begins to learn almost the moment he is born. He continues to learn—to learn by doing—every wide-awake moment of his childhood. Thus, this early period, instead of being a wasted interval during which he passes his time playing until he is old enough to learn, *is the learning period itself*. Modern educators recognize that a little child learns more during his first six years, and more rapidly, than he does relatively all the rest of his life. Every

for the CHILDREN

all ages are given at the end of this article.
your Christmas shopping easy

By RUTH LEIGH

single thing that happens, every experience is new and must be grasped and related to every other experience. Five-year-old Bobby wants to finger, feel, handle, because everything in his world is new, interesting, uncertain; it is his only way of learning. Each experience, each trial and error, helps him better to understand the bewildering world about him.

To help the child in his efforts to understand each new experience, modern educators supply him with material that, to us, may be called "toys," but to him represents the "tools of educative play." They make no stereotype attempts to "teach," recognizing that a child with the right play material cannot fail to learn. The play material with which modern educators furnish children is selected with the following facts in mind: First, that a child's play consists largely of attempts to reproduce for himself each new experience, or, as educators put it, "to recreate his environment"; second, that a child should have play material that he can "make with" or "do with"; third, that in reproducing what he sees around him with his play material, the child is indicating his mastery of each new situation, educating himself.

Let us take a familiar everyday situation and see how this works out: Five-year-old Bobby is taken out by Uncle Jim for his first motor-boat ride. It is new, strange and bewildering to Bobby because he has never before been in a boat. During the trip, he makes no comments, but it is clear that no detail of the boat and its operation is escaping his alert eyes.

Next morning Bobby comes down to breakfast with the announcement that he is going to make a motor boat. He takes an empty biscuit box, ties on a little wooden bead for an "anchor," and with a small wooden disc (a wheel from a discarded train) fashions a "steering wheel." This keeps him occupied the greater part of a morning, especially when, after making his boat, he sails it in a near-by puddle.

In doing this, Bobby has shown a normal child's response to a new activity. Having been introduced to the experience of motor boating, Bobby immediately reproduces it in his play. As he steers his little biscuit-box boat, and drops the little bead anchor Bobby indicates that he has completely grasped the motor boat experience.

To any parent, this play situation may seem commonplace, but from such incidents modern educators have constructed their new approach to play material. It is clear that Bobby's independent efforts to construct his own motor boat hold real educational possibilities for him.

Educators suggest, therefore, that among the best play material for children are unassembled units from which the child can construct his own playthings, since making and doing holds for a child immense interest and educational value.

Many toy manufacturers have recognized the importance of letting the child make and do and one finds many "sets" on the market, from simple stick and block sets to more complicated metal construction sets. All of these are excellent for children, if adapted to their ages and abilities.

However, educators do not say that all toys need to be "educational" or that parents should buy only "sets." Nor do they suggest that we measure everything children do in terms of what they learn. Those who approach playthings scientifically tell us that if we supply our children with simple and suitable equipment and let them alone, we are doing the best possible thing for them. What constitutes such equipment?

In the first place there is no one particular toy for any age. A child needs a balanced diet of activities for his mental and spiritual development just as he needs a balanced diet for physical nurture. One educator points out that a mother who would be horrified at the idea of sending a child to a larder stocked with ill-assorted foodstuffs with general instructions to "help himself," thinks nothing of telling him to "run and play" with a hodgepodge collection of toys the suitability and adaptability of which she does not stop to question. Children need a balanced diet of play activities, (*Turn to page 67*)

Ewing Galloway

An electric train may teach a boy important facts concerning industry and transportation

Are Your Children OVERDOING?

"The over-stimulation of American children is one of the greatest dangers of today," says Professor Earl Barnes

By RUTH DANENHOWER WILSON

THE other day a devoted mother complained to me that she couldn't give her daughter all the opportunities other children had.

"Mary's friends take piano and dancing lessons, go to a class in painting and ride horseback," she said. "But I can't possibly afford to give Mary lessons in more than one thing each year."

I thought her daughter was to be envied rather than pitied!

The over-stimulation of American children is one of the greatest dangers of today. It is a constantly increasing menace as our population crowds more and more into large cities. America's prosperity provides many families with means to do and to have more than they ever did before, to have automobiles, to travel, to seize every opportunity for their children to study this or that or go here and there. Along with the increased chance for recreation there is a tendency for fewer working hours for grown people, through a shorter working day and week and a lightening of work in the home through labor-saving devices and more factory-made products. Yet for children the tendency is for longer school hours to which are added ever-increasing outside activities.

But the over-dose of work and play which reaches its height at adolescence begins even before school when the small child outgrows his daily nap. Ideally speaking, an hour's rest for every child after the noon meal should be continued till the eighth year, and even through adolescence. Yet how many mothers of three-year-olds say, "I have given up Johnnie's nap because he just won't sleep." Even so, an hour's quiet would rest him wonderfully, and if it were continued as a matter of routine, coming at the same hour every day, Johnnie or Mary would take it for granted.

When Johnnie is sent to kindergarten the nap is omitted "because he needs to be out in the fresh air." So he does, but the nap can be given on a sunny porch or in a room with windows wide open.

The child may slip into a dressing-gown, take off his shoes and with a large pillow to support his back comfortably sit up in bed while he looks at a book or indulges in some other quiet occupation. Many authorities feel that enforced idleness on the part of the child is not desirable but that he should be happily but quietly employed.

As soon as a child enters primary school with two sessions the opportunity for napping is unfortunately gone, and the over-crowding of the schedule increases each year. He hurries home from school to luncheon and back again. He rushes to be on time. Afterward come gymnasium or piano lessons or practice period or homework, perhaps basketball or baseball or rehearsals for a play. Even Saturdays are rarely free days when children are allowed to play as they please, because that is a favorite day for dancing-school. Sunday is usually crowded, too, whether with Sunday school and church, or excursions, or both. All these are fine activities in themselves, but there are too many of them. It is as if a mother took a list of everything that is good for her children to eat and made them eat everything on the list each day.

What are the results of the over-crowded schedule? The most immediate result shows in the child's conduct. The over-stimulated child is easily irritated, "flies off the handle" at nothing at all, finds self-control impossible. Often overdoing brings a fatigue that makes it difficult for the child to relax, so he does not sleep for a long time after he goes to bed and has frequent wakings during the night. Lack of appetite and loss of flesh also come from overdoing and stunted growth may result. Still more serious results of overdoing may be heart disease or nervous disorders. (*Turn to page* 71)

TO MARY

By

CHARLOTTE CONKRIGHT KENNEY

They have painted you with sad lips,
Haloed and solemn;
But I see mirth in your dark eyes,
Hear your soft laughter;
For they forgot that you were young
With a joyousness that is youth's shining garment.
You were fair, too, Mary,
But it is not of your beauty I speak,
But your heart that gained understanding and knew
That the riches of a child
Are his soul and his imagination.

They have pictured the Bethlehem night,
The little Christ in your arms,
The Magi bringing gifts to your feet;
But I sing of the richer gift you gave him—
The gift of spiritual motherhood.
For I believe you nourished his growing thought
as well as his body;
And my heart thrills at the thought of all mothers—
Companions to God's beloved children.

When the Baby Is TEETHING

A well-known baby specialist tells what to do and what not to do when the baby is cutting teeth

By FRANK HOWARD RICHARDSON, M. D.

Author of "Simplifying Motherhood"

ONE of the most fearsome of the dark anticipations with which young mothers sometimes torment themselves, is the dread of "teething." They have always heard that teething is accompanied by all sorts of grave upsets. According to popular belief, a few months of relative calm are vouchsafed the mother of the new-born baby—and then, somewhere about the sixth month, appears the spectre of teething, which hovers over the child for the next three years or so.

For the amateur adviser, this myth of teething furnishes a most convenient diagnosis, which covers a multitude of sins, and which is never called in question. Has the baby a rash? Why, that is a "teething rash." Has he a cold? Why, you know babies always get a little cold when they are teething. Has he been restless, crying, in pain? Babies are always restless when they are teething. Does he spit up his food? Stomach upsets are quite common while a baby is teething. No matter what happens to a baby during these three years the blame is put upon "teething."

Ruth Alexander Nichols

Here's looking at you—even if it is through a gate and with a mouthful of new teeth on the way

It is easy to see the dangers to which this facile explanation exposes the baby whose mother accepts it. The mother who is convinced that teething causes bad stools does not go farther and search for a more logical and convincing cause, such as bad milk, too much woolen clothing causing "prickly heat," or improper food. And so one serious ill after another is allowed to run its course unchallenged and the baby is permitted to suffer needlessly during this trying period, just because a foolish folkway has taken the place of common sense.

A tragedy comes to mind in this connection, which shows that the seriousness of this situation has not been overstated. A baby was brought into the clinic, evidently in the last stages of what used to be called "summer diarrhea"—a severe type of looseness of the bowels, accompanied by emaciation, pallor, clammy cold body surface, and all the signs of impending death. "When did you first take this child to a doctor?" I asked the mother.

"Just now," was the perfectly calm and unruffled response.

"How long has he been sick?"

"Oh, he hasn't been sick at all. He's just teething. He's been this way for two or three days."

"Do you mean to say that you have let this condition go on untreated for two or three days?" I demanded.

"Yes," said the mother. "I asked several women why he acted this way; and all of them said that he was just teething, and that babies acted queerly at these times. "Do you really think it's serious?"

Of what use would it have been (*Turn to page* 90)

A CHALLENGE

No other organization can do for your children, your school or your community what an earnest, energetic and well-informed Parent-Teacher Association can if it is awake to the possibilities described in this article

The joint influence of home and school mold the lives of our children.

IN discussing what a Parent-Teacher Association can do it is important, first of all, to know the type of community of which it is a part. Is it in the country or the city? There are normal differences between the activities open to organizations which have such widely different backgrounds.

The city association, for the most part, may best confine itself to group study of child-training problems. Its program should deal largely with those subjects that pertain most closely to the education of parents and the needs of the children, with only some slight emphasis on wider community projects. But the closer it ties its interests with those of the school, the better are its chances for success.

While not neglecting its study programs or school interests, the rural group can legitimately concern itself with any number of activities in a far wider range of subjects, varying from the raising of money for a community fireworks display to campaigning for better milk for the town's babies.

The reason is not difficult to find. A city usually has a great number of specialized agencies,—charity organizations for the care of the poor; lecture courses offering the best speakers that money can procure; concerts and other artistic activities that supply the cultural needs of the people; vigilance committees, built upon the already existing political structure, that can be called together quickly if there is need to arouse the community to action. Anything that a city Parent-Teacher Association may undertake along any of these, or a dozen other lines of endeavor, stands a good chance of being a duplication of effort. Consequently it loses its value.

In a country village almost the reverse is true. While social groups abound, there is a dearth of organizations whose motivation is the desire to raise the standards of the community. The Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade or Rotary Club will go before the Public Service Commission in an effort to obtain lower electric rates for the town, but for the most part such groups confine themselves to Wednesday luncheons and an occasional smoker. Under these conditions it is not only legitimate but wise for the Parent-Teacher Association to constitute itself the guardian of conditions that affect the lives of the children, not merely directly but even in an indirect manner.

The water supply . . . . is that adequate and pure? Perhaps the enlightened element in the village realizes that only sheer good luck has forestalled an epidemic developing from an unprotected watershed and unfiltered water. It is entirely fitting and possible for the parent-teacher group to instigate the move for a modern system that will guarantee safe drinking water for the community.

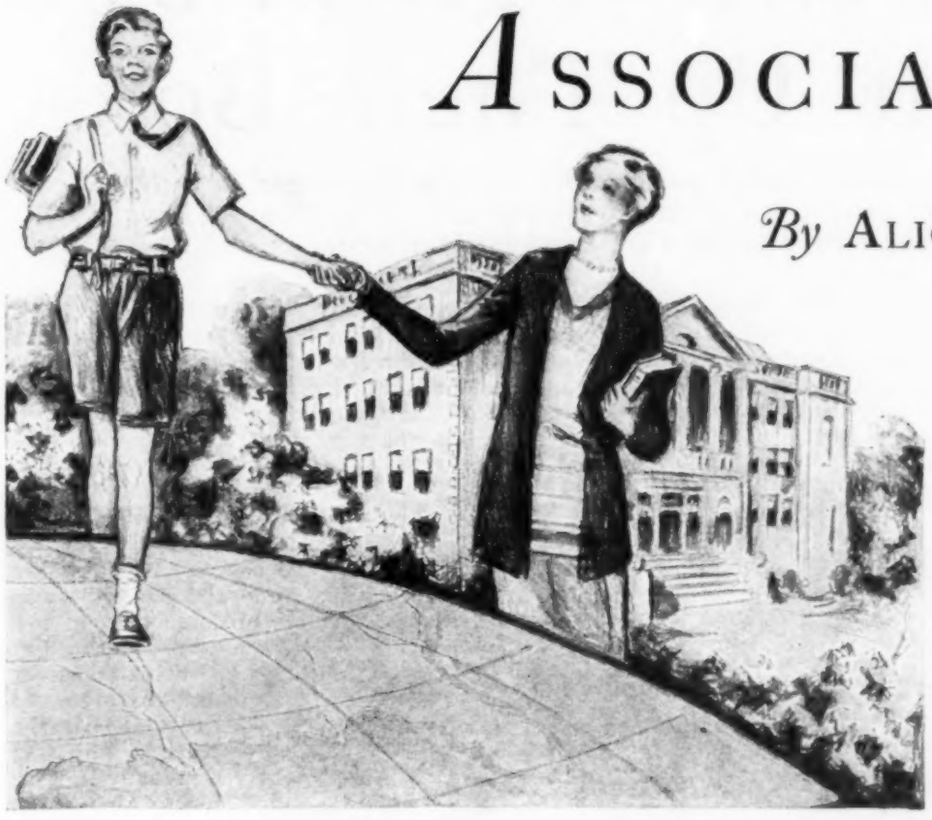
Or suppose that a rapidly growing village has no garbage collection. Families who have a half-acre of property and a few chickens dispose of their table refuse easily. Those who can spare two dollars a month for private collection do so, but even that is not entirely satisfactory, for collections are irregular and, between visits, refuse pails are filled to overflowing at each kitchen door. Other residents bury the kitchen leavings in shallow graves, only to be exhumed by hungry dogs at night. The protection of the health of the community demands that some agency stir the village board to action and an appropriation. The Parent-Teacher Association, with its earnest workers and its influence, can turn its attention to this need and secure the necessary ordinances covering garbage disposal.

In the city, so many are the ramifications of political intrigue and protection, that a single Parent-Teacher

to Parent-Teacher ASSOCIATIONS

By ALICE FOX PITTS

Illustrated by Norman Borchardt



Understanding and co-operation between parents and teachers are essential

Association would be battering its head against a stone wall if it attempted to prevent the sale of vicious literature, or do away with gambling devices in candy stores frequented by children. But let a dozen leaders in a smaller community get their heads together to map out a clean-up campaign of that nature, give them a strong Parent-Teacher Association to back them and, within a short period, they can show results!

Another point of divergence:

The city association will need to give scant financial aid to the school. Its rural companion must almost of necessity help the School Board to finance certain projects.

(In either case, of course, the parents' group must be careful never to let the Board of Education become too dependent upon it for financial aid, for our whole public educational system is based upon the idea of the community, and not any group of individuals, financing and governing the schools.)

It is undeniable, however, that the rural school frequently needs outside financial aid. There the members of the Board, being more directly responsible to the taxpayers than their city brothers, must watch their budgets with eagle eyes so as not to raise a hue and cry about an oppressive tax-rate. Moreover, they do not have the same amount of money, proportionately, to expend upon improvements and new methods.

A city prides itself upon the fact that its schools are modern. But methods that pass as "modern" in the city are branded scathingly by the average rural taxpayer as "highfalutin tricks." If the progressive parents in a suburban or country village see the necessity for a manual training department, or instruction in the domestic arts, they cannot expect their school board to include overnight an appropriation for these courses in the budget. But they can, legitimately, raise the money to pay for their inclusion in the curriculum for a year, or perhaps two years, until the school board and the community at large have been convinced of their merits. Then it is time for them to relinquish their proprietary and financial interest in those projects.

In a survey of the money-raising activities of Parent-Teacher Associations in nine states, in widely separated parts of the nation, Dr. Julian E. Butterworth of Cornell University finds funds provided for almost anything for which a school might need money. The school board includes a spacious auditorium in the new building it erects. But how discouragingly bare it looks when the first assembly or play is held there! And being impoverished by its building program, the Board cannot remedy the situation. Then the Parent-Teacher Association comes to the fore. With rich, velvety curtains and a back-drop, the platform is transformed. A handsome table and a half dozen chairs lend dignity when the occasion is ceremonious and footlights add a theatrical note when the seniors present the class play. In this warmer setting, provided by the Parent-Teacher Association, pride and loyalty for the school are bred among the junior citizenry.

Are the books in the school library new and inviting? Or are they mostly donations from energetic housewives who are cleaning out their bookshelves, or bequests from eminent citizens who acquired them a score of years ago? Your Parent-Teacher Association can stimulate interest in good reading by providing books for the school library. But please, oh please, if you want to win the gratitude of the teachers, consult them about the selection, or give them a check and let them make their own wise choice.

What do your children do to while away the time during the noon recess? Do the boys find live garter snakes and, pursuing small girls, send them screaming hysterically about a barren playground which has no more interesting activities to offer? If so, it's time for the Parent-Teacher Association to provide playground apparatus—seesaws, swings and other (*Turn to page* 61)

How the Hoovers Brought Up Their Boys

To be the sons of a famous father and mother has disadvantages as well as advantages. This article tells how President and Mrs. Hoover have helped their boys to meet life without fear or favor

By AUGUSTA HINSHAW

HERBERT HOOVER, JR. and Allan Hoover are two spare built, hopeful-eyed, unbored and unspoiled young men. They know the discipline of great affairs—privates could show no greater deference to a commanding officer than they show to those whose time and energy are of high value. But they are without awe of money, caste or power. Herbert Junior on the day before the recent inauguration was joyously bent on a scheme to tip his father off to escape the rubbers Mrs. Hoover's concern had ordered against March fourth weather. At the Kansas City convention Allan was as inconspicuous as a campaign button. Of all the throng of important, semi-important and near-important people milling through Hoover headquarters in the Baltimore hotel the only ones who probably recognized Allan were the Washingtonians and the family friends.

This is the whole Hoover family—left to right, standing, Herbert Hoover, Jr., Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Jr., Allan Hoover. Seated, President Hoover, Mrs. Hoover and their grandchild, Peggy-Ann

It is not a haphazard result that these two boys have spent fifteen years in public life and remain retiring and natural. It isn't just luck that they show a sincere desire to accomplish their aims without being helped by the influence of their father's great achievements. Yet very likely the Hoovers had no recipe for protecting their children from the evils of notoriety; in all probability they simply followed those ideals in rearing their children which motivate their own lives.

"Over the world and under the world and back at the last to the U. S. A." might have been inscribed on the cribs of the boys born to the world-known engineering expert and a mother who believes that where the heart is there is the home. For Lou Henry Hoover held steadfast to and greatly developed the ideal of almost every young girl who marries an engineer. Many brides talk gaily of tropical swamps, miners' strikes and the general roughness of life where metals are mined and bridges and railroads are built. But many lose their courage when faced by the actuality and come home to comforts and regularity; some of them even ask their husbands to become merchants and bankers. It was not so with the girl who herself had majored in geology. Her health was excellent and she had the spirit of an engineer as well as a mother. She did not consider for one moment a divided family. Rather, she was concerned with how continuous the family life could be kept under the most extraordinary demands.

And it followed that the young Hoovers had literally an all-round-the-world education. In spite of manifold activities their parents never shirked the responsibilities of parenthood. On one occasion Mrs. Hoover traveled from San Francisco to Vladivostok, to set up a home there for her family—and it was then as always set up in a house, not a hotel. She became past mistress of the art of eliminating the superfluous trappings of family life and selecting the essentials that spell home. It is safe to assume that the Hoover Lares and Penates included certain well worn bad-weather coats of Mr. Hoover's, various antique sweaters and indescribable hats for the rest of the family, besides the paraphernalia dear to childish hearts. Treasured trains and cracked microscopes, partly fashioned boats and airplanes, chosen baseball gloves and boy-sized bats undoubtedly found their way into the portable home with whose labels the baggage men of three continents became familiar. Rags, an Airedale, for many years a member of the family, never was left with his tail

between his legs as his young playmates tearfully strained to get a last look of him. He always went along. There were beloved familiar pieces of furniture which were set up in Mandalay, in Tientsin, in Leningrad, in London or in one or another of the dozen cities where the Hoover household was assembled, as well as in Palo Alto. When the growing boys looked out on strange streets and heard talk that was jargon to them, they were nevertheless at home.

THE next thing perhaps in importance to having a real home was that the children should always be in school. It would have been easier to make education a part of a nomadic household, but the Hoovers wanted their children to mix with all manner of peoples and races—to become cosmopolitans, not snobs. And going to school became the same part of the small Hoovers' established routine as if they had never known but one front door. Surprisingly enough, they have had a majority of their school days in Palo Alto, when one includes Leland Stanford University, where all the Hoovers have had their college training.

This desire to give their children the common touch and a wholesome acquaintance with the complete round of life was back of many of the Hoover family practices. The boys' allowances were small for children of their father's preeminence in his calling; but they were nicely adjusted to encourage appreciation and remove the temptation of squandering. Mr. Hoover had seen the sons of too many rich men forever deprived of the chance of enjoyment by over-indulgence in the formative years, to rob his own of the normal child's birthright of self-discipline.

An indication of a developing turn of mind in either boy was encouraged. When their zest for mechanical toys became definite and they began to show dexterity in taking them apart, new tools as aids to creative activity made their appearance in the boys' shop. Herbert early learned intimately the intricacies of machinery and was wholesomely guided in his bent. And following it he won the amateur prize for catching an Australian broadcasting station while he was still a freshman in college.

The fact that Mrs. Hoover is a geologist gave her sons the advantage of intelligent direction in the stone and bone collections boys often make under bare tolerance from parents. And since their mother knew the fascination of bird and plant and insect mysteries her sons had the rare good fortune to have her co-operation and guidance in their amateur naturalist enthusiasms. When the Hoover home was in the Fairchild house near Washington, two dogs, four turtles and a sizable family of frogs were part of the household.

As for these boys' father, few who have even the most general knowledge of Mr. Hoover's work from August, 1914, until the end of the world food emergency would guess that it did not entail the sacrifice of all play or companionship with his growing boys. But the week-ends from London and Washington which enabled him to carry the burden of world hunger, were devoted to vigorous outdoor life. The standard of these picnic expeditions was the performance of some minor engineering feat in which the boys could take a major part. A house was built in a tree top or in a picturesque but difficult situation on a cliffside. A stream was dammed, a bridge constructed or a tunnel made. And quite naturally pride in their father's competence and knowledge stimulated to a high point the abundant energies of normal youth.

The exuberance of these boys has probably never found a wider outlet than during their teens at Palo Alto, when they assembled their own automobiles. According to a friend of the family these were as heterogeneous as the occupants of a zoo, and fearfully and wonderfully made. But they went. And the bureau of motor vehicles recognized them and licensed them. These racy sport cars were equipped with many novel features unheard of in the motor (*Turn to page* 66)

Photographs by Wide World

To pack and go on a few hours' notice to a far-distant corner of the earth has always been, like the election to the presidency, one of those things that just happen in the Hoover family

Herbert Hoover, Jr., takes charge of radio telephones connected with airplanes and is perfecting a system whereby a passenger aboard a plane may call a ground number or be called while in flight

Keep Posted!

News of the Better Parenthood Movement, Child Welfare, Education and Other Matters of Interest to Parents

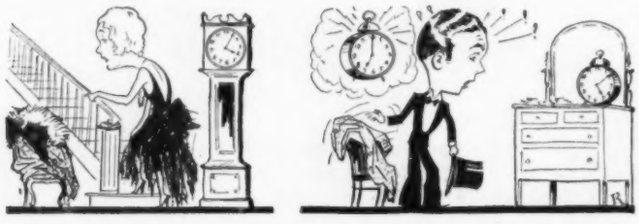
THE National Tuberculosis Association believes that "early discoverey means early recovery" with regard to tuberculosis, and experts give early examinations to people whom they think may have the disease. In North Carolina this movement has been carried a step further. While still stressing the importance of examining adults as soon as possible, these experts are now attacking the enemy on its own ground by examining boys and girls who are thought likely to develop tuberculosis in later life.

Exit Miss Athlete?

THE American athletic girl is doomed, according to Jeanette G. Brill, magistrate of the Family Court, Brooklyn, New York, if women adopt the present vogue for form-fitting fashions. Magistrate Brill says: "Form-fitting styles are a throw-back to the 'harness age' and would prevent the girls from developing their bodies and also take away their freedom of movement. The inevitable result of buckling a girl's body would be to hinder her mental development as well."

The Cost of Medical Care

"THE delivery of adequate, scientific medical service to all the people, rich and poor, at a cost which can be reasonably met by them in their respective stations in life," is announced as the aim of the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care by Dr. Olin West, Secretary of the American Medical Association. This committee includes among its membership private medical practitioners, National and State public-health officers, a public-health nurse, institution and organization executives, economists, and the general public.



A Weary Generation

THAT some of the younger generation do not approve of extremely late hours is evidenced by the answers to a questionnaire sent out by members of the Junior League and the Parents' League of New York City as a protest against the increasing lateness of social functions. Questionnaires were sent out by both groups, one asking hostesses if they would agree to begin their parties promptly and end them at a reasonable hour, the other asking young men and women if they would agree to arrive on time. More than a thousand letters were received from young persons and virtually all were in favor of the reform. More young men than girls answered the questionnaire saying that office hours made them enthusiastically in favor of earlier closing hours for dances.

Are Grown-ups Children?

INFANTILISM of thought is a wide-spread disease among Americans today, declares Professor David Snedden of Columbia University, who believes the cause of this is herd-mindedness during adolescence. He cites the college fraternity boy, molded in his interests in sports and distaste for studies by the combined examples and wishes of his fraternity brothers, and the adolescent girl, who dresses like the other girls, goes to the same movies, dances the same dance-steps, as typical examples of herd-mindedness. Factors which tend to make everyone think alike, according to Prof. Snedden, are: the automobile, the commercial dance, moving pictures, clubs, camps, school fraternities, American wealth, American sports and perhaps especially the American parental ambition to make their children "good mixers."

Certified Christmas Trees

IN addition to certified milk, guaranteed tires and inspected meats, according to United States Department of Agriculture reports, citizens of Colorado can buy Christmas trees certified and tagged by forestry officials. These trees could boast of having been cut in harmony with the official program for thinning out over-crowded growths of forest, thus advancing the policy of forest conservation.

Our Own Hall of Fame

WE nominate for our own Hall of Fame, Dr. William A. Howe, Chief in the New York State Department of Education, because he has done great work as a public health man, because he has been for twenty years in the service of New York State, because he created the American Association of School Physicians, and last of all, because he has recently been awarded the distinguished Ling Foundation Medal for his outstanding and unselfish work in behalf of the progress of the health of the American school child. The Ling Foundation of Los Angeles was founded by Hendrik Ling, in the latter part of the 18th century. His system is the foundation of physical education taught in our schools, and is used in every civilized country in the world.

Furnishing the WHOLE-FAMILY HOUSE

What is new, pleasing and practical in china, glassware, silver and table linen for the home where there are children is told in this third article of a series

By PAULINE DUFF

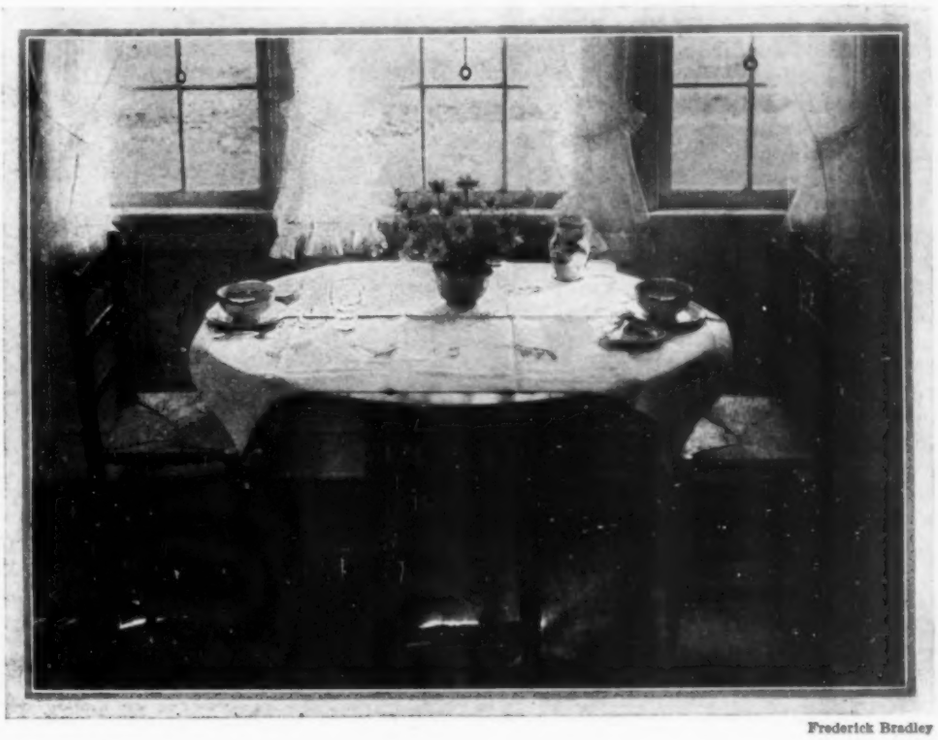
Interior Decorator and Home Consultant

IN the rush of modern life each member of the family goes busily about his affairs during the day, and it is only at mealtime that the clan gathers and that each member is assured of a sympathetic audience to share his problems and to hear of his experiences. These symposiums at the dinner table are the hub of family life and every effort should be made on the part of the homemaker to create a homelike dining-room, attractive but practical in its furnishing.

Equipment need not be expensive but there should be plenty of it and it should be pleasing as well as serviceable. A colorful, well-appointed table, with a centerpiece of flowers is the right setting for the inculcation of good table manners and that training in correct social behavior which children should early acquire. It also helps to make simple meals inviting.

The details of the table service should be selected with regard to appropriateness in the room, for practical but unobtrusive durability, and for suitability to the occasions when they will be in use. For the home where there are growing children, the wise housewife will, of course, choose china of the less delicate type, even for her "best" service. For this complete service an English bone-china might be chosen. Ground bone is an ingredient of this ware which makes it very strong and does not coarsen the appearance of the finished product. This ware does not crack or chip easily and is said to withstand dropping. Some of the Wedgwood designs are available in this bone-china and are fine enough for use on a formal table.

For family dinners and everyday use, one of the lighter potteries in solid color may be chosen in a set consisting of service for six. Yellow, a soft green or a dull, grayish blue known as "gray dawn," combine pleasantly with the gaily patterned linen supper cloths now in favor for informal use. Interesting color contrasts may be developed in table settings by using these solid colored potteries on plain colored linen cloths of contrasting tint. Buffstone and snakestone wares of neutral beige coloring are good selections where the china closet is not heavily stocked, because of the very neutrality of their coloring. To supplement this set, you may wish to add a patterned pottery service to be used on the children's table or on the (*Turn to page* 94)



Frederick Bradley

Porcelain of gay design and colorful glassware on waterproof cloth doilies contribute to this charming table above

Make the children's table attractive. Peasant pottery, flowers and decorative but sturdy linen will help

My Daughter Chose to Read TRASH

A mother tells how she guided her adolescent daughter's taste away from the cheap and vulgar toward the best in books

By SARAH BARR PERRY BELL

IT was the house-maid's day off and I was finishing the last bed. Helen came in from school and "who-who'd" up to me. I heard her drop her books and come up the stairs. When I looked up she was standing in my doorway looking very set and determined, and also what her young brother would call "scrappy." Then it came out.

"Mother," she began, "I am the youngest freshman in our class, you know, and I hear 'class baby,' 'mother's child' and all that often enough but from now on it will be worse for they found out today I was the only one in the class who had never read books that all the other girls have read. And I'm going to."

"What books are they?" I asked.

She mentioned several—cheap, salacious pieces of fiction playing upon sex interest for their appeal. I knew a big moment had come. I also knew, for I had learned by experience, that in dealing with adolescence, the first thing to find out is what you don't want to happen in a given situation. Adolescence is a period where the young individual is fighting to establish himself. It is well not to check this natural tendency, but to guide it in the best way you can.

I listened quietly and went on smoothing each pillow, without even looking up. Then as she finished, I said, "All right, my dear, you can get them in Holmes' book department for seventy-five cents. When they were new they were $2.00 but they are not as expensive now."

As I laid the sham across the pillows, I glanced up. Helen stood there perfectly still with a decidedly puzzled expression. "Well, Mother," she finally said, "Have you and Daddy read them?" Then I had a chance to shoot my arrow.

"No indeed, my dear," I replied. "Do you suppose we would clutter up our minds and vision with such trash? Think of the fine books we have just finished reading aloud, "The Life of Abraham Lincoln" by Carl Sandburg, "John Brown's Body" by Stephen Vincent Binet, which we all enjoyed together and "The Mind of Leonardo de Vinci" by McCurdy to which we look forward. Why should we waste our time on worthless books when there are so many worth-while books to read?"

Helen fired back, "Well, if you feel that way I don't see why you are so anxious to have me read those other books."

"My dear," I replied. "I did not advise you to read them. I only told you where you could get them at a reduced price."

"Well, that's the same thing," Helen retorted turning to go down the hall to her room.

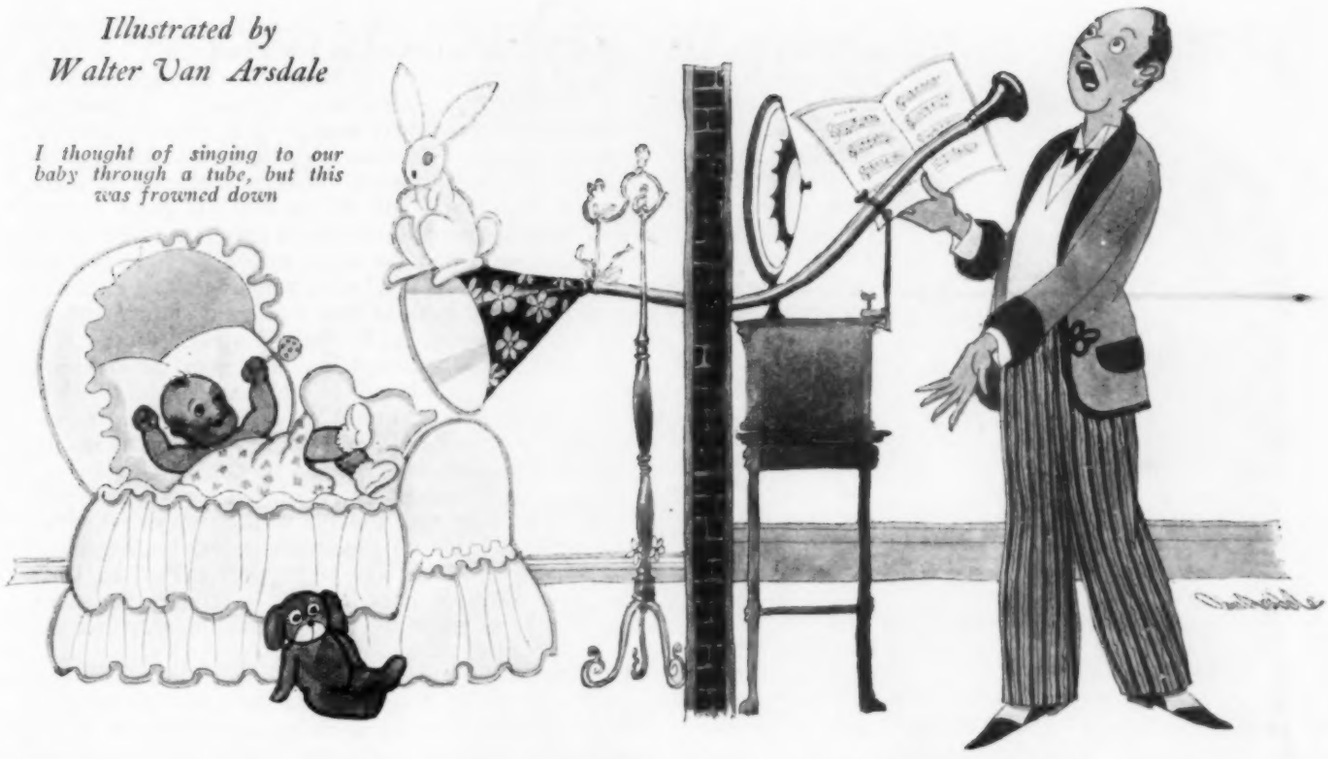
As the door closed upon her, I dropped the pillow sham and went straight to my desk. There I wrote a check, and mailed it to my book store with a long order of books. I chose a list I knew her twelve-year-old mind was ready to absorb. With the definite realization that the first sex interest had begun to crop up, I was determined to face the fact squarely and to have my daughter avoid the cheap and salacious while she might thrill to Richard Carvel, or the strong arm of that fine type of first American in "To Have and to Hold," or the charm of "The Conqueror." I believed that from such books she would learn that the highest type of love is founded on respect. I am very definitely aware I might have found a more literary collection of books than the list I chose but these served my purpose and quick action was necessary. And I firmly believe that the well-written historical novel with a romantic interest has a very definite place of importance in the reading of the teens.

My note to the book store stated that these books must arrive before Christmas. It was then early in December, and I was taking Christmas as my excuse for this sudden influx of books. They came Christmas eve. I placed them among her gifts with the following tag, "To our Big Sister from her three brothers." I knew better than to give (*Turn to page 52*)

Ruth Alexander Nichols

Lost in the world of adventure and romance

Illustrated by
Walter Van Arsdale



I thought of singing to our baby through a tube, but this was frowned down

EVERY BABY NEEDS A FATHER

Advice to a young father on how, in spite of Mother and nurse, to get acquainted with his own child

By HARRY IRVING SHUMWAY

WE know where woman's place is—in the home. And her place regarding the baby is well known, too; a rather hovering, roving position, encompassing all territory from the catcher's box to the far outfield and all way stations. But Man! Nobody, no book, has ever shown him where his place is when the baby enters.

Of course he can and does rove about the house; he has to keep roving, too, or get run down in the frantic, happy hubbub that greets a new baby. But when he tries to hover, he makes a terrible mess of everything. And considering it carefully, I can say even professionally, there is not a single, dignified, appreciated spot where he *can* hover.

He wants to be somewhere and do something. All negative assertions notwithstanding, a father yearns terribly to amalgamate himself into a definite niche in his baby's existence. The age-old trouble seems to be that nobody has taken the trouble to work out his position and give him any duties. He is only a hat-holder, an errand-runner, a catch-all and sort of unwelcome itinerant whatnot—something to lay all the baby's bad traits and features on—something to be "taken after."

This is an autobiography. An autobiography of a four months' section of a father's life. As I look it over I observe that I have no position to play, no place. There are no hours for me. At times I do things or hold things or run places, but only in the rôle of pinch-hitter. I don't do it every time. And, as far as I can see, I am not credited with any assets or given percentages. I do get marked for errors, but that is all.

In the beginning I was supposed to be the wind-remover. The doctor told me about this. "After the baby's feeding — sounds like cattle, this—he may be troubled by wind. You hold him up and pat his back until the wind escapes. But put him down again as soon as the wind is gone. Don't jiggle him up and down, hoping for more wind. Don't hug him—or do anything natural. Put him down and go away."

The baby doesn't know she's being weighed and found gaining

Now *there* was a position of importance, though no more than beating a small and tender rug. Certainly no daughter could grow up with a father-fixation when all her Dad was ever permitted to do

In the beginning I was supposed to be a wind-remover. The doctor told me about this.

was knock her wind out four or five times a day. She wouldn't, couldn't feel anything more personal about him under the conditions than she would towards the electric meter reader or the ice man. I worried about it. I thought, "Here is a child, undoubtedly to grow up beautiful and attractive, and I ought to be permitted to be something to her, to ingratiate myself into her good graces, to help formulate her character and so on. Imagine that girl, thirty years from now, being interviewed for a magazine or paper! What could she say other than, 'To whom do I owe my success in my career? Why, to my dear, dear old Dad, who knocked the wind out of me five times a day. *That* has made me what I am today!' "

No, that wouldn't do at all. I must be something more, something preferably of a prophylactic nature. Because, it seemed, everything that came near the baby *must* be boiled at least three minutes or sterilized with a mild solution of boric acid. Of course I couldn't very well be boiled three minutes, but I could, if need be, take a cold shower of mild boric acid.

Vainly I stood around, making a wretched attempt at hovering, getting in people's way—with the idea of pouncing upon some rôle I could fill, some particular thing that I *only* could do, something the baby would expect after she got worked in—and would look forward to and remember with a fond glow in after life.

I thought of music. I am probably the best singer in the house, at least the only one who can carry a tune and stay on one key after I land on it. Why not volunteer, then, as official singer to the baby? Music hath charms. I'd heard that a baby would stop crying if you sang to it. Then why shouldn't I be allowed to try? It was harder to put this scheme into effect than to break into grand opera, a darned sight harder. You *can* get into that—but you can't get into our nursery to do any singing, no matter how good you are. And why? Because the latest theory concerning infantile upbringing is that the more you keep away from them, the better citizens they'll grow up to be. They may not know you very well then, but they'll be sound, self-reliant, have no nerves, no complexes. Considered carefully, this idea seemed to imply that the perfect child should be reared on a desert island and never see anybody until it was twenty-five years old. The new electric automatons may solve the problem beautifully as to nurses and caretakers.

I thought of singing to our baby through a tube, me in the radio room (I do so much better with an accompaniment) at one end of the tube and a flower-and-bunny-decorated loud speaker right over the baby at the other. But this was frowned down. The authorities said that a baby ought to cry. That is the way they get exercise. A sort of daily dozen without the bother of going to a gym or getting off one's back.

Denied an ingress to my baby's life through music, I determined to dig up some other approach. I would not rest with the mere laurel wreath of a wind-remover on my anxious brow. Bedtime tales for a child a few weeks old seemed a bit advanced. And as a matter of truth, I have intended and still do, to rear my child, if permitted, with a clear and uncolored opinion of our American Fauna—and that she never would get from bedtime stories. Rabbits, skunks, bears, porcupines and elephants will be presented in their true zoological status, with no uniforms, no poetry, no trimmings of any kind. I do not intend that my trusting child shall grow up and some day walk up to a skunk and, full of innocent camaraderie, chirp, "Hello, Bobby Skunk!" She'd never forgive me, I know. Santa Claus is all right, still believe in him myself, but animals are going to be treated right.

Then, when all seemed lost, a job was handed me gratis. If you hover about long enough, you're sure to get something. This job wasn't much but it had fascination to it. I could weigh her. The hours were easy. All I had to do was show up once a week, assemble the scales, weigh her—and get out. I could put the figures down in a little book—outside.

I grabbed at this weighing job in a spirit little suspected by the donors of it. I would make this a rite, an insidious process whereby I could work my way into the child's affections in spite of every belligerent agency directed against me. And how? By combining music and conversation at the same time as the weighing.

I would speak the baby's language, one of the easiest and least understood tongues in the world. Contrary to the comic strips in the papers, babies do *not* say "Glub" and "blob" or any other such words. Indeed, what the young child says cannot be put into letters or words. The baby just makes sounds keyed (*Turn to page* 91)

To whom do I owe my success in my career? Why, to my dear, dear old Dad.

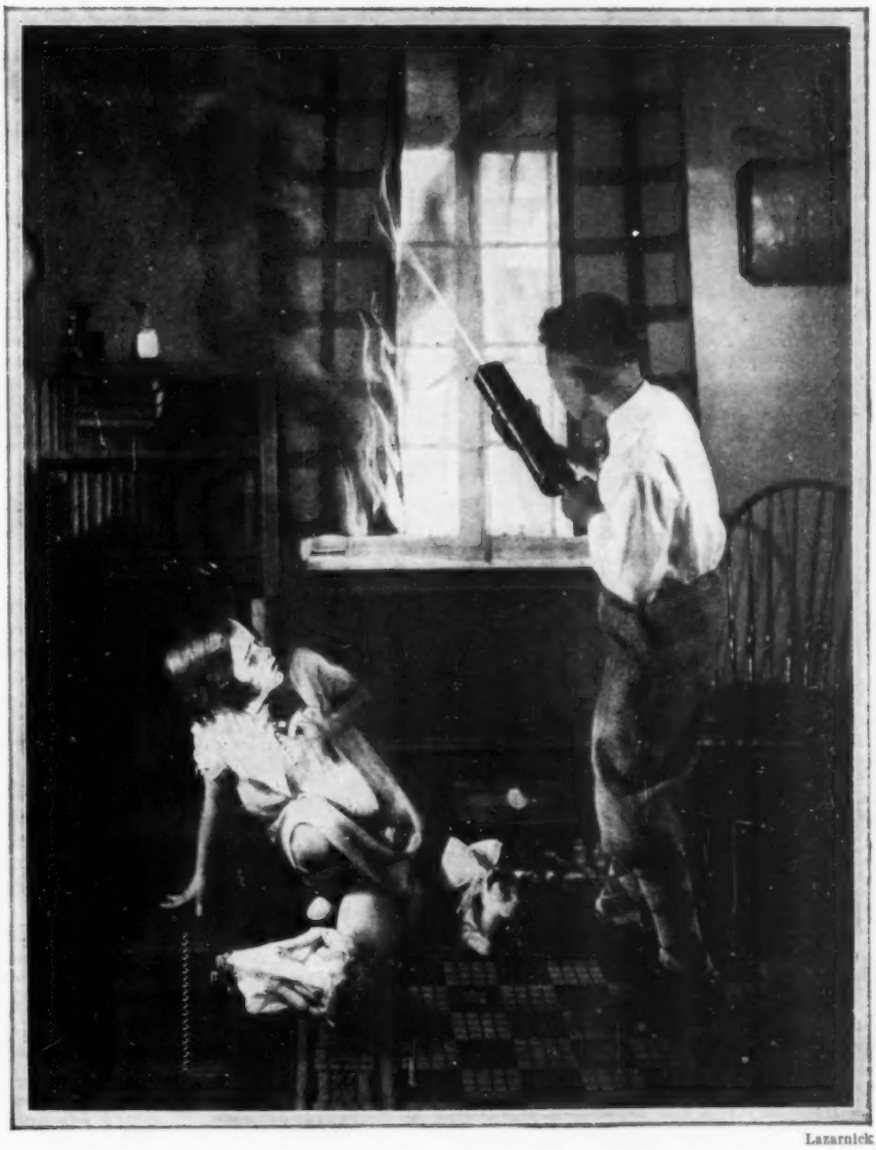
What to do in case of FIRE

Parents, of all people, must be prepared to meet emergencies. Fire protection is of the utmost importance to them and to their children

By

ROBERT S. MOULTON

Technical Secretary, National Fire Protection Association



Lazarnick

Equip your home with reliable fire extinguishers, and teach every member of the family how to use them.

THE average individual is very likely to do the wrong thing in case of fire unless he is following a plan laid out as a result of previous thought. Especially in homes where there are children is it important to be protected in so far as possible from the danger of fire and to be well-informed as to how best to meet such a peril if it should arise.

First call the fire department, is a good general rule applicable wherever there is a public fire department available. Modern fire departments arrive at the scene within a very short time after they are called. Firemen sometimes make mistakes, like all humans, but it is infinitely better to rely on their training and equipment than to attempt to handle the fire yourself. Many lives have been lost, and much unnecessary property loss has occurred because people thought they could handle a small fire themselves and have not called the fire department until too late. The firemen would rather respond to a hundred alarms where the fire is already out when they arrive than to have one fire develop into a conflagration because they were not called in time. The fear that some people have that firemen may wreck the house with axes and hose streams is largely based upon fire departments of twenty or thirty years ago; the modern fireman can be generally counted on to do no unnecessary damage.

The telephone appears at first glance to be the most convenient means of calling the fire department, but fire protection authorities recommend the use of the public fire alarm box rather than the telephone. The telephone companies themselves while offering their services in the event of the emergency of fire, advise the use of the city fire alarm system. The fire alarm box on the corner is provided by the city for the specific purpose of calling the fire department. It is thoroughly reliable and its use practically eliminates the possibility of error or delay in response. Go to the fire alarm box, pull the hook, and the firemen will arrive within a very short space of time. It is always well to leave someone stationed at the fire alarm box so that when the firemen come they will lose no time in locating the exact house which is on fire. The trouble with the telephone as a means of summoning fire department aid lies primarily in the fact that in the excitement of fire it is sometimes very difficult to give sufficiently accurate and complete information to enable the fire department to know just where the fire is. Of course, in many situations where there is no public fire alarm or where the box is located at a prohibitive distance, the telephone is the only means available to summon the department.

It is a standing rule of all fire departments that upon arrival at a fire first efforts should be (*Turn to page* 85)

Everyday Problems

And How Parents Meet Them

THE judges who passed upon the answers received to the problem printed at the right, which appeared originally in our October issue, are glad to publish the prize-winning letter below. Honorable mention is made of letters received from Mrs. Grace M. Carnahan, Pulaski, Virginia, and Mrs. K. P. Barton, Austin, Texas.

There also appear on this page other problems which readers have met in training their children and their description of the methods they have used in dealing with them. We invite all our readers to tell us of problems in child training which they have encountered and which they feel they have handled successfully. Write briefly, stating the problem and your treatment of it. One dollar will be paid on publication for each contribution. Manuscripts for this department will not be returned. Address Managing Editor, THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, 255 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Prize-Winning Answer

IF three-year-old Arthur, who has pilfered pie and cookies and then lied about it were my little boy I would have the heart-sinking feeling that somewhere in those first three years of his training I had failed in an important respect. For his actions show plainly enough that the confidence which should have existed between a mother and child is lacking.

In dealing with Arthur I would not say, "Did you eat that pie?"—thus tempting him to falsify, but instead I would say quietly that I knew he had eaten the pie and cookies, but that I believed that he would not do such a thing again because he was a "big boy" and understood that he must always ask his mother before he ate anything between meals.

However, I should try not to be unduly alarmed about untruthfulness in so young a child. I would realize that honesty is not instinctive but must be taught gradually by patient reasoning and example. I would watch myself closely, making sure that I never fibbed to him in order to get my own way about things in which he was concerned.

And last, but not least, I hope I should have the good sense to wonder if the child were hungry. Half a pie at a sitting! Perhaps his diet is lacking in vitamins!—*Lydia Pratte Andrews, Hoboken N.J.*

The October Problem

ARTHUR, who is three years old, went to the pantry when no one was in the kitchen and ate half of a medium-sized pie. When his mother discovered him, he said that his two-year-old brother had eaten it. At another time he helped himself to three cookies and said that the maid had given them to him. In neither case did he suffer any apparent ill effects. He has always been considered very obedient.

BILLY WAS STUBBORN—CONTRARY—"MULISH"—WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO CALL IT. Any request might be met cheerfully, or it might bring a flat refusal—one never knew what to expect. And his refusals were final. Neither reason nor force could budge him. Having tried once to force obedience, because I felt I should, and having been finally obliged to give in, I became really frightened over the problem, and sat down to think it through.

HOW IT WAS HANDLED: I figured out three lines upon which to attack our problem.

First and *temporarily* I avoided, in every possible way, any occasion for exciting anger or stubbornness in the child. I watched my every word, to keep him happy and sweet for a time, to let the undesirable trait weaken from disuse.

Second, I trained myself to *always* avoid bald commands. I reasoned that a direct order would irritate *me* into contrariness, so I asked Billy's help or co-operation as courteously as I would ask another adult's. (Why shouldn't we be courteous to our children and depend upon a quietly decided tone of voice to add authority?)

Third, and most effective of all, I believe, I began systematically to develop in Billy affection for others, consideration for their feelings, and a desire to to see them happy. One doesn't deliberately irritate and displease a person whom one loves and wishes to see happy. It has been a slow campaign, of course, but now, after two years, Billy's stubbornness has developed into a very desirable "stick-to-it-iveness," and we very seldom see any of the old trouble. When it does crop up a little, we can be very sure that Billy is overtired, and a little extra tolerance and rest bring him back to us as happy as ever.—*Mrs. J. C., Mich.*

MY LITTLE GIRL HAS A VERY STRONG WILL AND OBJECTS TO BEING DIRECTED.

HOW IT WAS HANDLED: I have found that with her disposition it is well to minimize occasions for a direct command, though of course sometimes we have to "have it out." I try whenever possible to present my request so as to offer her an alternative. "Will you put your leggings on or shall I?" "Which hand are you going to wash first," etc., and carrying on an imaginary conversation explaining the matter to them. "Finger, you must not go in the mouth for you are not clean enough." "Shoes, do you need some little feet to ride on?" This is simply a way of making obedience interesting and habitual, and not dodging the issue. —*Mrs. G. B., New York.*

I DREADED EVERY VISIT TO THE PEDIATRICIAN BECAUSE OF THE SCREAMING IT MEANT. There would be screaming by the babies in the outer office induced by the screaming of the one being examined in the inner office. My two-year-old, taken inside, invariably got into such a state that it took the nurse and me to hold her flat on the table while the doctor examined her (Heaven knows *how*, with such kicking and yelling!). After this the child was too wrought up for her nerves' good, and in trying to calm her, I always missed half the doctor's report on her condition and his advice on care, diet, etc.

HOW IT WAS HANDLED: I decided on a plan brought to my mind by Dr. John Watson's discussions of the primary emotions in a child. Isn't it rage that he says is caused by restricting the child's emotions? That's what my little girl had—rage—at being forced flat on the table. She wasn't afraid of the doctor; never cried when she first saw him, but only when we put her down and held her there. The more people and hands that held her,

(*Turn to page* 98)

What Would You Do?

$10 for the Best Answer to the following problem

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD James took a girl to a school party. There a boy who attended another school told James in the presence of the girl that James' school was no good. James knocked him down, and was asked to leave the party. He was much humiliated.

The best 300-word solution to this problem submitted by December 20, 1929, will receive a prize of $10 and will be published on this page in an early issue. If two or more answers are of equal merit, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Address: Managing Editor, THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, *255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.*

Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pinchot of Park Avenue, New York

Mary and Antoinette Pinchot

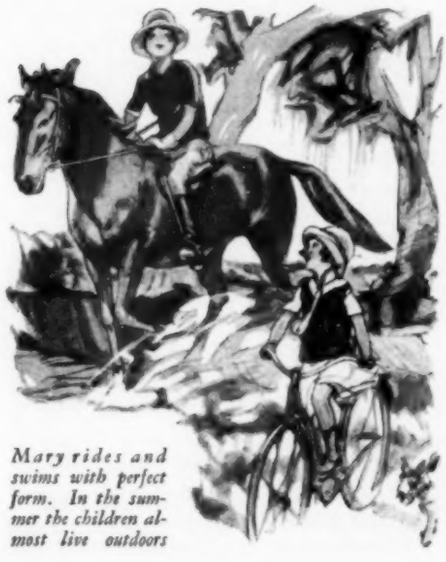
Healthy.... happy — and guarded by this simple care

Antoinette Pinchot, at five, is blonde, blue eyed and hilarious. Mary, who is nine, is taller, darker—and equally merry

They're a jolly pair, with wide and friendly smiles—the little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pinchot. Both youngsters are outdoor girls. In blue chinchilla coats, they ice-skate in Central Park. Or, gingham clad in autumn days, whizz on rollers in the Mall. When school is out they ride and swim, garden and play tennis at their summer home in Milford.

Their father goes through a simple set of exercises with them every evening. Famous child specialists laid out their diet program and their mother watches it with care.

Antoinette's "latest favorite book" is "Millions of Cats." She loves animals—and is afraid of nothing



Mary rides and swims with perfect form. In the summer the children almost live outdoors

Each little girl begins her day with the *hot, cooked* cereal which authorities consider ideal—Cream of Wheat.

"The children started eating Cream of Wheat when they were babies," says Mrs. Pinchot. "It is an accepted part of their health building routine."

When Mary and Antoinette make short work of their bowls of Cream of Wheat they're doing just what leading child specialists advise. Recently, 221 members of recognized medical societies in four great cities went on record in unanimous approval of Cream of Wheat.

They stress its high carbohydrate content, so rich in energy, and its quick digestibility.

Start your children out ready for the day ahead. Give them a good hot bowl of Cream of Wheat.

The Cream of Wheat Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In Canada, made by The Cream of Wheat Corporation, Winnipeg. English address, Fassett & Johnson, Ltd., 86 Clerkenwell Road, London, E. C. 1.

FREE—this plan that makes children enthusiastic about their hot, cooked cereal. The H. C. B. Club, with badges, pictures, gold stars, etc. A children's Hot Cereal Breakfast Club with 734,000 participants. All material sent free, direct to your children, with sample box of Cream of Wheat. Just mail coupon to:

THE CREAM OF WHEAT CORPORATION, DEPT. W-22, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Name of child .....

Street ..... *City* ..... *State* .....

To get sample Cream of Wheat check here .....

© 1929, The C. of W. Corp.

CREAM OF WHEAT

Motion Pictures

Which Are Suitable and Which Unsuitable for Children and Youths?

Which Are Recommended for Intelligent Adults?

APPLAUSE, with Helen Morgan (*Paramount*)—Grim portrayal of back-stage life, powerfully told and acted, but made quite unfit for public showings by the lowest sort of vulgarities, drunken and sexy scenes, and a sordid, unwholesome and depressing story. All talking. (E) *For A:* Offensive. *For Y:* No. *For C:* No.

BLACKMAIL, with English cast (*World Wide*)—Notable talking melodrama made in England by British International Films, with much interesting photography of London and the activities of famous Scotland Yard. Fine English diction, skilfully written dialog, and some very exceptional acting. One situation only makes general recommendation impossible. All talking. (E) *For A:* Interesting. *For Y:* Not advised. *For C:* Too mature.

THE CARELESS AGE, with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. (*First National*) — Drama laid in England, well directed and the father-and-son theme is worth while. The son's amour with an actress, whom he stabs when he finds her in another man's arms, makes it just another movie. All talking. (E) *For A:* Hardly. *For Y:* No. *For C:* No.

CHEYENNE, with Ken Maynard (*First National*)—Different from ordinary Westerns and one of Ken Maynard's best. Fast-moving, funny and very exciting scenes at the rodeo. Silent. (E) *For A:* Good of its kind. *For Y:* Good. *For C:* Good unless too exciting.

THE CLIMAX, with Jean Hersholt and Kathryn Crawford (*Universal*)—A pleasing romantic drama, placed in an Italian setting, of simple lovable people with musical aspirations. All talking. (U) *For A:* Entertaining. *For Y:* Wholesome and entertaining. *For C:* Little interest.

THE COLLEGE COQUETTE, with Ruth Taylor (*Columbia*)—Merely another "college" story of the jazz-flapper who wants to seem bad and be good, in obvious imitation of "The Wild Party." All talking. (E) *For A, Y and C:* Worthless.

Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks in an excellent production of "The Taming of the Shrew"

DARKENED ROOMS, with Evelyn Brent and Neil Hamilton (*Paramount*)—Very ordinary romantic drama built around an expose of fake "spiritualism." All talking. (E) *For A:* Perhaps. *For Y:* Hardly. *For C:* Too exciting.

THE DELIGHTFUL ROGUE, with Rod LaRocque (*RKO*)—A whimsical yarn, with original touches in plot and setting, of a swaggering and picturesque pirate on his luxurious yacht in the South Seas, who proves himself a high-minded villain toward the girl he finally wins. Rod LaRocque's Spanish accent suffers by comparison with Warner Baxter's in OLD ARIZONA. Fairly amusing farce-comedy with one "improper" situation which is fairly unobjectionable. All talking. (E) *For A:* Fair. *For Y:* Doubtful. *For C:* No.

EVIDENCE, with Pauline Frederick (*Warner*)—Well acted and spoken play, treating with dignity English divorce in high life. The child involved is played by exceptional boy-actor rather too precocious and cocksure to be convincing. Villain's suicide is gruesome and other spots are over-melodramatic. All talking. (E) *For A:* Fairly interesting. *For Y:* Too mature. *For C:* No.

FLIGHT, with Jack Holt and Ralph Graves (*Columbia*)—Romantic adventure drama, fast-moving and thrilling, with genuine background of the U. S. Marines, and containing a rather gruesome scene and some extraordinary airplane photography (watch part that is "faked"). The two-men-and-one-girl theme is strongly reminiscent of SUBMARINE, but far better done. All talking. (E) *For A:* Excellent of its kind. *For Y:* Thrilling and worth while. *For C:* Perhaps too exciting.

THE GOLDEN BRIDLE, with Ken Maynard (*Universal*)—A romantic Western in which the young government official aids in ridding Early California of its bad men. It contributes nothing of value historically but presents its story after the accepted fashion of exaggerated adventure films. Part talking. (U) *For A:* Tiresome. *For Y:* Harmless entertainment. *For C:* Exciting but wholesome.

HER PRIVATE LIFE, with Billie Dove (*First National*)—Careful and serious attempt to put Ethel Barrymore's "Déclassée" on the screen with some good acting and good voices. A sophisticated theme treated with good taste, some good dramatic moments, but movie falls far below the stage play. All talking. (E) *For A:* Fairly good. *For Y:* Hardly suitable. *For C:* Of no interest.

HIS GLORIOUS NIGHT, with John Gilbert (*M-G-M*)—Skilfully adapted from Molnar's clever and sophisticated "Olympia." John Gilbert's feeble efforts quite eclipsed by the notable acting and voices of Katherine Owen and Nance O'Neill. The central situation, where the princess mother, to avert scandal, willingly yields her daughter to the ardent lover "whom she cannot marry," makes the film utterly pernicious for the young. All talking. (E) *For A:* Of some interest. *For Y:* Pernicious. *For C:* No.

JEALOUSY, with Jeanne Eagels (*Paramount*)—A vulgar and uninteresting vehicle for the star. For plot the heroine's husband kills her lover who has made their marriage financially possible. All talking. (U) (E) *For A:* Hardly. *For Y:* No. *For C:* No.

LIGHT FINGERS, with Ian Keith (*Columbia*)—A smooth little crook picture of jewel robbers which rather glorifies the business of thieving. Silent and part talking versions. (E) *For A:* Hardly. *For Y:* No. *For C:* No.

THE LOVE TRAP, with Laura LaPlante (*Universal*)—Another negligible story of back-stage life, with the poor compromised chorus girl saved by the rich hero, etc. A waste of Laura LaPlante on bedroom farce. Part talking. (E) *For A:* Mediocre. *For Y:* No. *For C:* No.

THE LOCKED DOOR, with Rod LaRocque (*United Artists*)—Sophisticated society melodrama, banal and falsely sentimental in plot, in which a woman saves her sister-in-law from a roué although her own happiness is at stake. All talking. (U) *For A:* Waste of time. *For Y:* Pernicious in effect. *For C:* No.

THE LONG, LONG TRAIL, with Hoot Gibson (*Universal*)—Triumphing over doubt and knockout drops, our hero wins the race and the girl. All talking. (U) *For A:* Possibly. *For Y:* Entertaining. *For C:* Entertaining.

LOVE, LIVE AND LAUGH, with George Jessel and Lila Lee (*Fox*)—A touching and entertaining story of self-sacrifice—from the story "Hurdy-Gurdy." All talking. (U) *For A:* Entertaining. *For Y:* Interesting. *For C:* Too emotional.

(*Turn to page* 58)

The Best Recent Films for Young Folks

†Annapolis	†Innocents of Paris
†Chasing Through Europe	The Iron Mask
†China Bound	Molly and Me
†Christina	†The Rainbow Man
†Close Harmony	†The River of Romance
Cocoanuts	†The Sailor's Holiday
Divorce Made Easy	†Salute
The Donovan Affair	Sonny Boy
The Duke Steps Out	Spite Marriage
†Evangeline	Speedway
The Exalted Flapper	Stairs of Sand
†Fast Company	†Strong Boy
The Flying Fool	†Sweeties
The Flying Marine	†Taming of the Shrew
The Girl in the Show	Three Live Ghosts
Give and Take	Two Weeks Off
The Glorious Trail	Welcome Danger
†His Lucky Day	†Why Bring That Up?
The Hottentot	†The Winged Horseman
†The Idle Rich	†Words and Music

†Especially good for children.

What the Abbreviations Mean

E—The judgment of the National Film Estimate Service.

U—The judgment of the Motion Picture Committee of the Women's University Club, Los Angeles.

For A—For intelligent adults.

For Y—For youths, 15 to 20 years of age.

For C—For children, under 15 years.

WILL YOU HELP YOUR CHILDREN AND YOURSELF TO NATURE'S GREATEST GIFT— Sunshine?

The NEW Table Model supplies ALL the important rays just as the famous Floor Model Eveready Sunshine Lamp does

WILL YOU and your children be happy, laughing, full of joy —full of the high happiness that only good health can give them, this Christmas? Will they have all the sunshine they need in the drear cold days of winter? Even on the brightest days the sun shines so far to the south that few of the important rays reach their bodies. Children need sunshine even more than adults. That is why winter is harder on children.

National Carbon Company—famous for 53 years for its carbon and electrical products — now offers you carbon-arc lamps designed especially for the home!

Eveready Sunshine Lamps will fill your body and your children's bodies with sun-heightened health. Every Sunshine Lamp gives *all* the health rays of sunshine—the important luminous, stimulating ultra-violet and penetrating infra-red rays. Tans them as brown as a vacation at the beach. A special glass filter screens out all rays not present in natural summer sunshine—prevents harsh burning, a time-device prevents overexposure.

ONLY $10 DOWN

There is an Eveready Sunshine dealer near you. Let him show you how exhilarating—how good Eveready Carbon-arc Sunshine is for your children—and for you! It will help you give them nature's greatest gift—sunshine—a real Christmas present! Sunshine is a *health-builder*—but in case of illness it should be used only when prescribed by your physician.

A new film showing the benefits of sunshine, free from all advertising matter, called "Sunshine," can be obtained from National Carbon Company for any meeting of Parent-Teacher Association on short notice.

Prices—$59.50 to $137.50. Table model, $10 down and $6.50 for eight months.

NATIONAL CARBON CO., Inc.
Carbon Sales Division: Cleveland, O.

Unit of Union Carbide UCC *and Carbon Corporation*

EVEREADY
TRADE MARK REG.
Sunshine Lamp

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

A New Silhouette for Children

By CRETE HUTCHINSON, *Fashion Editor, The McCall Company*

CLOSE on the heels of the new silhouette for women there now comes the announcement from Paris that children's clothes are showing higher waistlines and flared treatments that are in accord with the grown-up mode. There is a definite upward movement of circular skirts and the belt is placed at a new and jaunty normal line.

Wool frocks whether of knitted or woven materials are smart in all the high shades as well as browns and navy blue. There are sheer tweed-like weaves, wool georgettes, wool piqués and cashmeres that are light and warm for both school and dress. Wool crêpe is combined with wool jersey in an ensemble, the crêpe dress of a lighter shade than the jersey coat and the suède belt for the frock matching the coat in color. Sometimes the wool crêpe forms a bolero jacket and skirt with a blouse of jersey.

Tweed photographic prints on silk or cotton are practical for tubbing yet have the effect of wool. They appear in (*Turn to page* 44)

5967 5934 5938 5920

5821 5779

4776

5821—Misses' Evening Gown with back cape which may be omitted. A two-piece circular skirt with uneven lower edge. In four sizes, from 14 to 20 years. Size 16 requires 3¾ yards of 39-inch material.

5779—Girls' Ensemble, coat and dress, dress with two styles of sleeve. In five sizes, 6 to 14 years. Size 14 requires 2½ yards of 54-inch sheer wool for the dress and 2¾ yards of 54-inch heavier wool for the coat. Also a leather belt.

5967—Child's Dress with Bloomers, with two styles of sleeve. In four sizes, 2 to 8 years. Size 6 requires 2½ yards of 32-inch fabric or 2⅜ yards of 39-inch. The collar if contrasting requires ¼ yard of 32-inch. 5½ yards of bias binding are required for the contrasting effect.

5934—Girls' Dress with two-piece circular skirt. In five sizes, 6 to 14 years. Size 10 requires 2 yards of 39-inch material.

5938—Girls' Dress with or without collar and sleeves. In five sizes, 6 to 14 years. Size 6 requires 1⅝ yards of 39-inch material.

5920—Girls' Dress with or without a bertha and with sleeves or without. In 6 sizes, from 4 to 14 years. Size 4 requires 1⅞ yards of 39-inch material.

4776—Boys' Overcoat and Cap. In five sizes, from 2 to 10 years. Size 8 requires 1¾ yards of 54-inch material, and 1½ yards of 40-inch for lining.

Back views are shown on page 44

McCall Printed Patterns may be obtained from leading stores throughout the country and from THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, *255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y., at prices given on page 96*

Santa goes on a Toy inspection and reports

DEAR CHILDREN:

Knowing what a problem it is for you to decide just what you want for Christmas, I hitched up my two reindeer and made a personal tour of the place where Wolverine toys are created. There I found many, many interesting things you all would like. . . . And to help you, I have listed the most enjoyable of these. Take your choice and write me early.

Santa Claus

"Lindy, Himself, Would Have Liked This Fleet Flyer"

. . . The last word in action! The swift little plane darts out of its hangar, drops from upper to lower track and races to the end. Then just as speedily it reverses and returns into the hangar. A special lifting device then raises it for another exciting journey. Fleet Flyer only needs one winding for many of these thrilling trips. Easily set up. Staunchly made of heavy gauge metal. Fleet Flyer No. 26—25½" long. Price.....$1.00

" . . . Ho! . . . The Merry Miller and his Comic Antics!"

Merry Miller is a fantastic new "Sandy Andy" sand toy. What a wealth of fun it is watching the Merry Miller perform. As the mill wheel revolves, loaded with sand, he persistently tries to get around the corner of his house, followed by his dog; and there is friend wife, waiting with her rolling pin. Long-lasting action. All set up ready for play. Attractively colored. Can of sand included. Merry Miller No. 77—12" high. Price.. $1.00

"Gee-Wiz Racing Game is the Marvel of Toyland"

Thrills galore from the moment the six horses leave the barrier till the flags go up at the finish. . . . Spinning fly-wheel drives steel balls against horses, advancing them along tracks. Faster and faster they speed, the lead changing with each spurt! No two races result alike. Exciting for adults as well as children. Simple to operate. Handsomely colored and splendidly constructed. Gee-Wiz No. 40—15½" long. Price..... $2.50

"A Vacuum Cleaner that Works like Mother's . . . "

Busy little housekeeper . . . keeping her own little playroom spotless with her "Sunny Suzy" Vacuum Cleaner. It works by suction and friction, just like a real one, actually picking up paper, dust and ashes. Gayly colored, too, and light in weight. 28½" high. Price..... $2.50

"A Big Hunting Game for Little Marksmen . . . "

How proud a little hunter will be to bag a jungle animal in this remarkable game! He shoots a hoop out of a gun through a bridge where marker goes up for an initial score. The hoop continues up the incline, where it is caught (if the aim is good) by one of 21 pegs for an added score. Each peg is numbered and illustrated by a jungle animal. All set up, ready for play. 6 hoops included. Hoop-O-Loop No. 156—19" long. Price, $1.00

"Every Little Housekeeper Will Want This Washing Set"

When mother does her laundering her little helper can do hers at the same time. Sunny Suzy Laundry Set No. 4 (illustrated) contains enameled metal washtub, glass surface washboard, clothes reel, bag of clothespins, galvanized wringer with rubber rollers, clothes basket, large all-wood ironing board and real electric iron. All pieces richly enameled in blue. Price.... $5.00

Set No. 3—Same number of pieces, with smaller ironing board and regular (non-electric) iron. Price, $3.25

THE WOLVERINE TOY FAMILY includes playthings for every age and play mood. If unobtainable locally we will ship them postpaid on receipt of money order. Outside the United States add 25% to prices. Write for Free Copy of "TOY TOPICS." Chockful of cheery chats on new, interesting toys.

WOLVERINE SUPPLY & MFG. CO., 1234 Western Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen: Please send me, FREE, a copy of "Toy Topics," including a list of toy suggestions selected according to age.

Name.....

Print Plainly, Please

Address..... *City*.....

Feeding *the* Family

By Ruth Washburn Jordan
Food Consultant

The Housewife and Her Marketing

THE intelligence with which the housewife markets and cooks is an important factor in the family food situation today. In order to market economically the housewife must first know how much money she has to spend and what proportion of her family income she may use for food. Twenty-five to thirty-five per cent of the income is the proportion in the average family. Knowing your income, what percentage of it will you spend for each kind of food? An accepted authority states that approximately one-fifth of your food money should go for each of the five classes of food: One-fifth for fruits and vegetables; one-fifth for meats, fish and eggs; one-fifth for cereals and grains; one-fifth for sugars, fats and food accessories such as beverages, leavenings and seasonings; and one-fifth for dairy products.

I wonder whether in the average family twenty per cent is really being spent for milk, cheese, and cream? If the housewife knows how much she is going to spend, she looks into the family and finds variations due to the ages of the children, and she must also take into consideration the occupations and health of the members of the family. If there is a variation from the one-fifth, where is it? Has enough been spent on fruits and vegetables? Are milk, butter and cream being rightly proportioned?

The second problem that the housewife faces is where she shall spend her money. There are three types of stores, General Credit, Cash and Carry, and the Telephone Store. The Cash and Carry store is one that has come into prominence in the last ten to twenty years. Due to the fact that there are no losses due to bad debts, no money spent for delivery, and the advantage of buying in large quantities, this type of store can sell things cheaper than can the General Credit Stores, which have much overhead expense—cost of delivery, cost of display and losses due to bad debts. The Telephone Store has very little overhead expense because few clerks are hired, there is no time wasted showing customers different things in the store, and there is no money spent on display.

What can the housewife do to help regulate her costs? First, she can buy at the Cash and Carry store, or perhaps she knows her grocer well enough to buy economically at the Telephone Store. Second, she can save money by buying in large quantities such staples as will not deteriorate by being stored on the pantry shelves. Third, she can avoid wasteful buying by planning her week's menus before she goes to the store, as she will then know exactly what to look for. With the aid of an accurate shopping list she can save her own time, and also the grocer's.

This matter of time is an important factor. Statistics show that the days of the week when shopping is heaviest are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Knowing this, why not plan to avoid the rush and buy your staples on the other days of the week? Statistics also show that the heaviest buying takes place between ten and eleven in the morning, and four and six in the evening. Avoid rush hours and marketing will be easier.

—*Ructta Day Blinks.*

Prize Recipe

Wild Rice and Pumpkin

1 cup wild rice
2 cups cubed pumpkin
½ cup milk or 2 tablespoons cream
2 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook the rice in plenty of salted water until nearly done and water has been absorbed, then add the cubed and seeded pumpkin and continue cooking until pumpkin is soft. Stir continually so that pumpkin dissolves. When rice and pumpkin are soft and thoroughly blended to rather a smooth consistency, add either ½ cup of milk or 2 tablespoons of sweet cream, the butter and seasonings. Simmer for five minutes and serve hot.—*Mrs. D. G. Merwin, Brooklyn, New York.*

Christmas Dinners for Families with Children

I

Fruit Cup
Celery Cranberry Jelly
Roast Turkey or Stuffed Leg of Lamb
Bread Crumb Dressing Gravy
Riced Potatoes String Beans or Mashed Turnips
Creamed Onions or Peas
Vanilla Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce
Christmas Cookies Nuts Homemade Candies

II

Shrimp Cocktail (grown-ups only)
Consomme Whole Wheat Crackers
Fricassee of Fowl or Mock Duck
Celery Currant Jelly
Wild Rice and Pumpkin
or Southern Sweet Potatoes
Spinach Boiled Onions
Strawberry Gelatin with Whipped Cream
Christmas Cookies Christmas Candies

"YES, *but my mother makes things good!*"

THE photographer caught her in her bright red legging-suit and bright red mittens, leaning on the fence, against dazzling snow. We couldn't help asking, "You drink lots of milk, don't you?" knowing by her pink, full cheeks that she did. She laughed till her dimples showed, "Oh, yes!"

"And do you eat fruit at breakfast?"

"Yes!"

"And do you like eggs?"

She thought it was a game. "Yes!"

"And carrots?"

"Yes!"

"You do?"

She widened her eyes at us. "Why?"

"Well, most little girls your age don't, do they?"

"Yes, but *my* mother makes things *good!*" And she was leaning again quite placidly on the fence, smiling at us.

Yes, and all mothers should make things good, we thought, and wanted every mother to be sure their little girls and boys drink plenty of milk, and eat plenty of good milk desserts. "Custards," we wanted to say . . . "Cream Tapioca" . . . "Chocolate Mousse"—seeing the white snow all around for easy packing.

Then we wondered how many mothers were putting a little sugar in the child's cereal so she would enjoy that dish. And how many were preparing fruit with a little sugar for breakfast and dessert. We wanted every mother to know about heating the canned vegetables with a little sugar (or cooking the fresh vegetables with a little) to make these taste better.

Contented children—happy children—can scarcely be less than well-fed children. The greatest wonder of sugar is the way it helps mothers make things "good," for good food promotes good health.

Try cooking beets with a little sugar: Cook three to six large beets in boiling water with a pinch or so of sugar. Cook till tender. Chill, slip off skins, slice, cover with a sauce of two melted tablespoons butter, and a little sugar, salt and paprika. The Sugar Institute, 129 Front Street, New York City.

Here are three perfect menus for one snowy day. Use them on the same day. They total a balanced diet.

BREAKFAST ***(warming and awakening)***

Hot Wheat Cereal with Sliced Apples, a Little Sugar and Cream
*Mushrooms with Bacon Hot Cocoa Buttered Toast

LUNCHEON ***(nourishing and good)***

Hot Celery Bouillon *Popcorn-and-Egg Balls
*Egg Shirred with Tomatoes
*Beet Salad *Cottage Cheese Dressing Milk
Cinnamon-and-Sugar Cookies

DINNER ***(quick to prepare, sure to please)***

*Rice Mold filled with Chopped Chicken
Gravy, and Tomato Sauce
*Steamed Spinach Browned Bread and Butter
*Orange "Pie" with *Frozen Whipped Cream Milk

The recipes starred will be sent gladly on request

BECAUSE Dixies are so appealing, they make friends quickly with children. And so they may help you in many ways to guard a child's health against the dangers of the common drinking glass in the bathroom, the kitchen, and at meals.

Dixies are lovely. Just seeing these dainty Dixies—more graceful for the charming Adam decoration—will make you think of a fine piece of china, and you may find it hard to believe that they are, after all, *not* china but an amazing development in the making and shaping of fine paper. Dixies owe their delicate charm, and their sturdiness as well, to the ingeniously glazed surface.

Dixies were specially made for use in the home, to avoid the trouble of washing glasses and to save the expense of broken tumblers and goblets. They are packed in convenient 10¢ and 25¢ cartons. Stationery, grocery, drug, department and 10¢-stores have them in stock, or can easily procure them for you. Very handy in the automobile, on outings and picnics.

INDIVIDUAL
DRINKING CUP CO., Inc.
Original Makers of the Paper Cup
EASTON, PA.

You and the children will enjoy the Dixies Circus over WJZ and Associated National Broadcasting Company Radio Stations every Friday evening.

Recommended Recipes

Delicious for Adults, Nutritious for Children

Mandoletti

2 eggs
½ cup sugar
½ cup flour (generous)
¼ lb. unblanched almonds

Mix sugar, chopped almonds and stiffly beaten whites very well, add flour and mix with hands. Make little sticks like fingers, flatten out and bake in a moderate oven. These are almost like a confection and are good for a long time.

Creole Pralines

2 cups brown sugar
¼ cup boiling water
2 tblsp. butter
1 cup shelled pecans

Boil the sugar, water, butter and nuts together for five minutes. Remove from fire and beat one minute. Drop by spoonfuls on wax paper. These never fail and make delicious gift boxes for young and old.

Chocolate Stars

½ cup sugar
1 egg
¼ cup melted lard
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ cup cocoa
¼ teaspoon salt

Blend the sugar, egg yolk and lard. Add gradually the other ingredients, which have been mixed together and sifted twice. Beat the egg-white stiff and stir it in. Work in just enough additional flour to enable you to handle the dough. Cut in star shape and bake.—*B. B., Long Island, Me.*

Recipe-of-the-Month Club

Send us your favorite recipes—*those that are especially good for children.* Each month we will pay $5 for the best recipe, and $1 apiece for every other recipe accepted for use on this page. Address The Recipe-of-the-Month Club, THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, 255 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

White Fruit Cake

1 cup butter
1 1/3 cups sugar
3½ cups flour
1 cup milk
1 cup seeded raisins
½ cup finely shaved citron
1 cup currants
2 teaspoons baking powder
3 egg-whites
Pinch of salt
1 whole egg
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter with sugar gradually, add whole egg, then milk alternately with flour which has been sifted three times with baking powder and salt. Keep some of the flour out and cover raisins and currants with it. Put layer of dough in buttered cake pans then sprinkle with citron and so on until pans are three-quarters full. This will make two loaves (small bread pan size). Bake in moderate oven.

Molasses Popcorn Balls

3 qts. popped corn
2/3 cup molasses
1½ cups sugar
2 tblsp. butter
½ cup water
1/3 tsp. vinegar
1/3 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla

Pick over popped corn, discarding all hard kernels. Boil molasses, sugar, water, vinegar and salt, without stirring, to 270° F. or until it becomes brittle when tried in cold water. Remove from fire, add butter and vanilla. Have corn in a large pan, pour sirup over gradually, using a spoon to mix well. Form into balls and wrap in waxed paper. (*See next page*)

Whole-Family Dinner Menus

I
Creamed Turkey on Toast
Buttered Carrots
Asparagus Salad
Orange Sponge Layer Cake

II
Broiled Thin Slices of Ham (Grown-ups)
Broiled Lamb Chops (Children)
Creamed Potatoes
Buttered Kohlrabi
Fruit Cup Cookies

III
Potted Shoulder of Lamb
Spaghetti with Cream Sauce
String Beans
Tomato Salad
Cup Custards

IV
Lamb Broth
Turnips with Bacon
Buttered Spinach
Mashed Potatoes
Chopped Beets
Orange and Grapefruit Salad
Cereal Pudding

V
Tomatao Soup
Baked Halibut Steaks
Baked Potatoes
Carrots and Peas
Cabbage Salad
Lemon Milk Sherbet

VI
Rare Roast Beef
Browned Potatoes
Creamed Celery
Lettuce Salad
Fruit Gelatin Whip with Soft Custard Sauce

VII
Vegetable Soup
Curried Beef (Grown-ups)
Creamed Beef (Children)
Boiled Rice
Buttered Asparagus
Prune Soufflé

VIII
Broiled Lamb Chops
Buttered Carrots
Creamed Brussells Sprouts
Lettuce Salad with French Dressing
Chocolate Junket with Plain Cream

IX
Cream of Celery Soup
Baked Liver and Bacon
Mashed Potatoes
Boiled Onions
Apple Sauce
Molasses Cookies

X
Bouillon
Whole Wheat Crackers
Green Peas Asparagus
Creamed Mushrooms
Sweet Potatoes, Southern Style
Celery Salad
Blanc Mange with Grape Jelly

XI
Creamed Haddock en Casserole
Buttered Parsley Potatoes
Scalloped Tomatoes
Salad
Pineapple Pie (Grown-ups)
Pineapple Tapioca (Children)

XII
Meat Loaf
Creamed Rice
Baked Hubbard Squash
Beet Salad
Apricot and Lemon Gelatin with Whipped Cream

Christmas Drop Cakes
(Old New England Recipe)

1 cup butter — 4 cups flour
2 cups sugar — 2 tsp. baking powder
3 eggs — 1 cup raisins
1 cup milk — ½ teaspoon nutmeg
Grated rind of a lemon

Cream butter thoroughly. Add sugar, then cream again. Add eggs when thoroughly blended, then add milk alternately with flour sifted with baking powder and nutmeg. Add grated lemon rind and raisins. Drop by 1/3 teaspoonfuls upon greased pans. Sprinkle with sugar and bake in moderate oven. Makes nine dozen cakes.

Christmas Penochi

1 cup brown sugar — 1 tablespoon butter
½ cup molasses — ½ cup nut meats
½ cup milk — ½ tsp. vanilla

Boil sugar, molasses, milk and butter in a saucepan over the fire. Stir until dissolved. Boil to 238° F. or until a little of the mixture forms a firm ball when dropped in cold water. Remove from the fire and cool. Add nuts, beat until it begins to get fairly stiff, add vanilla, pour into pan and cut in squares.

A Quick Fruit Cake

1 cup sugar — 1 teaspoon soda
½ cup shortening — 2 cups flour
2 eggs — ¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup sour milk — 1 lb. seeded raisins
1 orange (juice and half of rind)

Cream shortening and sugar, add eggs and beat well. Add sour milk alternately with flour sifted with salt and soda. Put raisins and orange through grinder and add with flour. Bake in loaf or drop in wax crinkle cups, placed in muffin tins. Bake in moderate oven. They may be iced with any favorite icing.—*Mrs. G. H. O., Aristes, Pa.*

Chocolate Nut Cookies

1 cup brown sugar — 1½ cups flour
½ cup butter — ½ teaspoon soda
½ cup sour milk — 1 teaspoon vanilla
2 squares chocolate — 1 cup chopped walnut meats
½ teaspoon salt

Cream sugar and shortening, add sour milk, melted chocolate, flour sifted with salt and soda, then vanilla and nuts. When thoroughly mixed, drop from teaspoon onto greased pans. Bake in moderate oven until crisp. These are very nice covered with any preferred icing and sprinkled with chopped nut meats.—*Mrs. A. M., Manchester, N. H.*

Molasses Drops

Cream ½ cup shortening with 1 cup brown sugar; then add 1 egg and beat well. Add ½ cup of molasses, 1 teaspoonful of cinnamon, ½ cup of cold water, 1 cup raisins cut in small pieces, and 3½ cups of flour sifted three times with 1 teaspoonful of soda. Mix thoroughly and drop from a teaspoon on buttered tins. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) until done.

When COCOMALT comes in cups

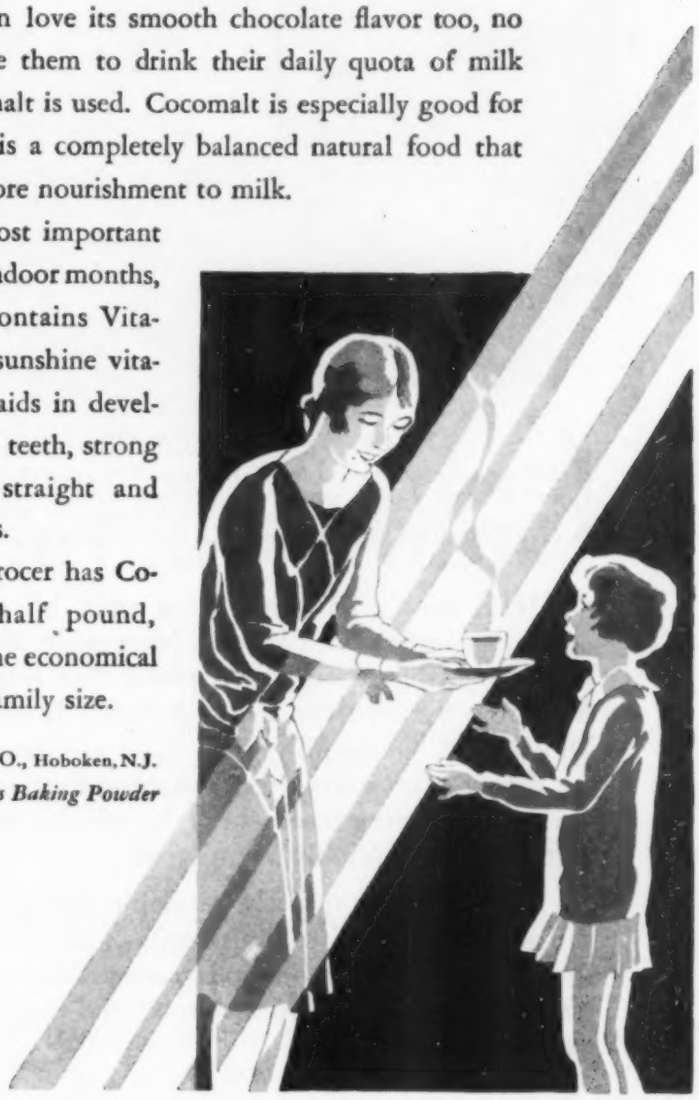
Hot, steaming cups . . . brown, brimming cups. Breakfast and party cups . . . supper and bridge cups . . . there's nothing like *hot* Cocomalt for a nourishing send-off out of doors . . . or a delicious treat indoors.

Children love its smooth chocolate flavor too, no need to urge them to drink their daily quota of milk when Cocomalt is used. Cocomalt is especially good for them . . . it is a completely balanced natural food that adds 70% more nourishment to milk.

And most important of all, these indoor months, Cocomalt contains Vitamin D, the sunshine vitamin, which aids in developing sound teeth, strong bones and straight and sturdy bodies.

Your grocer has Cocomalt in half pound, pound and the economical five pound family size.

R. B. DAVIS CO., Hoboken, N.J.
Makers of Davis Baking Powder



FREE • A fascinating booklet entitled "Children of the Sun". This was prepared by specialists in the field of medicine and nutrition, based on their own comprehensive research work on Cocomalt and its Vitamin D content.

R. B. Davis Company, Hoboken, N.J.
Please send me free booklet D-11.
"Children of the Sun."

Name_____
Street_____
County_____
City_____ State_____

Cocomalt

Adds 70% more nourishment to milk

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

Throughout Infancy and Childhood

FREE TO MOTHERS!

AN authentic and practical handbook, prepared by one of America's foremost children's doctors—"The Food of the Infant and Growing Child." Every mother will find it helpful. Write Corn Products Refining Co., Dept. C-12, 17 Battery Pl., N. Y. C.

THE baby's food must not only be sufficient in amount but must be capable of *easy and prompt* digestion. Tests prove that Karo is digestible by even the weakest baby. It is now widely and successfully used—*and recommended by doctors everywhere*—for the modification of milk for babies because it is wholesome, nutritious and quickly assimilated.

Karo supplies quickly available energy for the active child. Used on cereals or in milk, it does not cause the child to develop an abnormal taste for sweets, nor does it spoil the digestion or the appetite.

For the Entire Family

Over a period of a quarter century, Karo has been the standard table-syrup — delicious on pancakes, waffles and sliced bread.

FROM CHILDHOOD TO OLD AGE

HOME MOVIES

By Louis M. Bailey
Amateur Cinema League, Inc.

Exposure

PROBABLY more families join the rapidly growing army of home movie makers at Christmas time than during any other period of the year, for home movie cameras and projectors are ideal gifts which bring both immediate pleasure and lasting enjoyment through the years. With modern cinema equipment providing everything possible to make good picture-taking automatic, there is but one adjustment of the mechanism which must be left absolutely to the new movie makers who will venture forth for the first time on the coming Christmas day. This is the adjustment governing exposure, and it requires that the camera operator become accustomed to judging light conditions. Exposure meters which will make this determination quite accurately are available, as it has been pointed out in this column before, and their use is also an excellent aid in learning to judge available light for photography with the naked eye.

HOWEVER, without an exposure meter there are some simple, general rules which will make close judgment easy for the beginner. There are three main divisions on the little exposure tables, usually attached to cine cameras, "bright," "gray" and "dull" to correspond with the daylight conditions most commonly met. To judge which condition prevails, observe the sort of shadows which are cast by surrounding objects. If the prevailing shadows appear heavy and black when the eyes are slightly squinted, then the light is bright and the appropriate "stop" or lens opening is *f*: 11, and the pointer should be set there. If the shadows are faint or weak, then the light is gray and the proper "stop" is *f*: 8. If no shadows are apparent, but distant objects are not seriously obscured by fog or mist, then the designation is dull and the "stop" to use is *f*: 5. 6.

These are the main divisions from which all others may be deduced. If there are intermediate designations on the exposure table, such as "very bright," "cloudy bright," "very dull," etc., and if you feel that the light condition leans nearer to one of these, it is a simple matter to adjust the indicator as your judgment suggests.

The above conditions apply to ordinary daylight between about two hours after sunrise and two hours before sunset. The narrower stop openings, such as *f*: 11, correspond to the brighter conditions, as noted above, the wider stop openings to the duller. When in doubt between two basic light conditions it is generally better to err on the side of the darker of the two, and use the lower stop number or one approaching it.

where will they lead him?

busy hands... they can build ... they can destroy.....

Your boy's precious hands . . . what they do each day bears such an influence on his future! Will instinct and emotion rule those hands; mold them to the habit of tearing down? Or will his *mind* direct their ceaseless activity; bend them toward constructive habits that will lead him to later success?

The secret lies in coordinating hands with brain. It is more than a matter of schooling and diet. A child is most effectively influenced when in his most susceptible mood—*when at play.*

That is why so many thousands of boys have been "pointed" toward real success in life through the wholesome influence of Erector, often called the world's greatest toy for boys.

Erector was invented by Alfred C. Gilbert, who has devoted his life to making things that appeal to red-blooded boys. With Erector parts boys build, one after another, realistic models of Zeppelins, automobiles, airplanes, ferris wheels, bridges, steam shovels and hundreds of other modern inventions. Many of these models operate under their own power, by means of the Erector electric motor.

Erector is designed primarily to appeal to the boy. It holds years of happy play hours for any boy. In addition, Erector helps coordinate his hands and mind, and develops constructive habits. Its influence lasts throughout his life.

What more appropriate Christmas gift can you imagine? Make it an Erector Christmas for your boy this year. You will find Erector at any good store or toy department. The most popular Erector Sets cost $15 and $25. Other sets $1 to $50.

The Instructive Erectorscope is FREE

We invite you to send for this interesting device which demonstrates with uncanny effect, the joys and benefits of Erector. With it comes a complete Erector Catalog. This coupon is for your convenience. You will not be obligated or bothered with follow-up solicitations of any sort.

The A. C. Gilbert Company,
108 Erector Square, New Haven, Conn.

Send me *free* the Erectorscope and the Erector Catalog. This places me under no obligation whatsoever.

Name .....

Street .....

City .....State.....

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

These Modern Outdoor Clothes

keep the youngsters warm and snug

Let the wind blow and the snow flurry—youngsters will keep warm and dry in Zip-Ons

ZIP-ONS—the suits that children can put on themselves . . . the fastener is guaranteed never to stick or rust

THESE modern outdoor togs for youngsters are smart, warm, easy-to-get-into. The guaranteed fasteners zip open or close so smoothly and swiftly that even small children can manage their own.

The complete Zip-On Suit — smart sport blouse with leggings to match—will protect your children against abrupt changes in temperature.

Zip-On Outdoor Togs are made of soft, durable cloths. They are smartly cut and finely tailored.

Zip-Ons are long-wearing and economical. They clean beautifully or may be washed.

Made in a full range of lovely colors. Knitted bands of contrasting shades at the wrists and waist add a gay trim. Sizes 2 to 10 years. Blouses and leggings may be purchased separately.

Zip-On Leggings

On or off with three swift zips—these smart little leggings banish all fastener trouble. Made in a variety of colors and a range of durable cloths, sturdily woven to withstand hard wear.

Sold in leading stores throughout the country. Ask your favorite dealer for them. Manufacturer: Howlett & Hockmeyer Co., Inc., New York City.

Zip . . Zip . . On go leggings and smart little blouse. Even small children can manage their own

ZIP-ON

Trade-mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Office

This label in every genuine Zip-On garment—insist on seeing it, for Zip-Ons are guaranteed to satisfy.

ZIP-ON

LEGGINGS

BLOUSES · · SETS

A New Silhouette for Children

(*Continued from page* 36)

Spanish reds, rose, brown and blue. The washable cotton dress is very practical for our climate if the top coat is unusually warm and plenty of sweaters are supplied for the coldest days. Printed zephyrs, ginghams, piqués and chambrays that are fast to hard washing are simply trimmed with bias bindings and contrasting materials. Little ribbon ties give a feminine and freshening touch.

The party frock is, of course, important for the high school girl and the new uneven hemlines are just sufficiently sophisticated to have an appeal for her. An interesting printed chiffon features a cape at the back, the Patou arrangement of tucks at the normal waistline and a long drapery at the back. No. 5821.

An ensemble of tweed and cashmere combines a dark brown coat with a beige frock. The frock is belted with brown leather and the jabot is finely pleated cashmere. The coat is lined with crêpe de Chine that matches the frock in color. No. 5779.

The short-sleeved dress of printed percale has bindings of contrasting material that harmonize with the darkest color in the design. Rather a large motif is sometimes selected even for a small girl of four. The ribbon sash is tied at the side just to be a little different. There is a matching bloomer too. No. 5967.

When you are eight or ten an almost princess frock is a great joy. The circular skirt is attached in the very chic upward movement and the nipped-in effect is achieved with a ribbon sash that is passed through slashes at the underarm. The contrasting collars should be made of white piqué if the frock is of plain wool cashmere. No. 5934.

A cotton tweed tailors nicely and is simple to work with if bindings are used for decoration. The scallops at the front closing and the unusual pockets that match are cleverly outlined with the contrasting material. A piqué collar that may be removed for washing is an added attraction. No. 5938.

The small girl should have a dress-up or party frock too. Printed batiste, organdy or georgette shirrs well in emphasizing the side fulness that gives the skirt such a smart flare. The round neckline is closed with ribbon ties. No. 5920.

It is not difficult to make a coat for the smallest man. Camel's hair, chinchilla or tweed, cheviot or any deep-pile fabric may be stitched on the edges or merely turned in a seam. A cap to match is warm and very good looking. The lining for both cap and coat should be of good quality sateen. No. 4776.

5821 5779 5934 5938 5967 5920 4776

Back views of designs on page 36

Playing is important business!

WHAT self-expressing lady of two wouldn't feel safer on her adventurous walks across the room with such a squawking, altogether lovable guide as Dolly Duck? . . . Squawk and all—**$1.00**

Dolly Duck

Where's the young gentleman of three or thereabouts who wouldn't adore the ferocious Growly-Grouch! Who would dare say "No" to such a bold knight and his fearful pup? The pup costs **$1.00**

Growly-Grouch

Capital City Air Derby for 1940 Flyers!

'Tisn't too soon to begin this serious job of flying. Knowing one's way across country well comes in handy when one's flying hours begin. For adventurers aged 8-12 Capital City Air Derby is a wow of a game. A cross country hop—detours—visits at all the capitols—race—n'everything for **$1.00**

Capital City Air Derby

Poor Jenny or The Mishaps of a Little Donkey

A donkey in trouble is cause for fun any day. This donkey's trouble is a boy's fun! . . . Donkey trouble, dusky cook, and all—**50¢** For youngsters from 5 to 10.

Poor Jenny

ALL-FAIR INC TOYS & GAMES **ALL-FAIR INC**

ATTENTION PARENTS: All-Fair Toys and Games are made with the full knowledge of "Johnnie's" and "Susie's" strength. They'll last unusually long. Colorfully painted. Some are instructive; all are fun. Ask your dealer for toys illustrated or mail the coupon, or write for our big illustrated catalog.

ALL-FAIR, INC., Churchville, N.Y.
Enclosed is..... Please send, prepaid ☐ Growly-Grouch, ☐ Dolly Duck. ☐ Capitol City Air Derby. ☐ Poor Jenny. ☐ Send complete catalogue with prices of All-Fair Games and Toys.

Name .....

Address .....

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

Don't wait till decay attacks the teeth

GUARD THE DANGER LINE
WITH SQUIBB'S DENTAL CREAM

So OFTEN mothers neglect to give their children proper care and advice in the vital matter of oral hygiene. Baby teeth are allowed to decay — permanent teeth are neglected.

Teach the children correct oral hygiene with Squibb's Dental Cream. No other dentifrice could be more helpful in warding off decay and in maintaining a healthy, sparkling set of teeth.

Squibb's Dental Cream *protects* as well as cleans. In the tiny crevices of the teeth and at The Danger Line where the gums join the teeth, food particles collect, ferment, and form destructive acids. Squibb's Dental Cream contains over fifty per cent Milk of Magnesia—the safest, most effective antacid for use in the mouth. Little particles of Milk of Magnesia seep into all these remote places, combat acids, keep the breath sweet and protect the teeth.

Squibb's cannot harm the most delicate mouth. It cleanses easily—keeps the teeth sparkling white and lustrous. It is absolutely pure and safe. Buy a tube tonight and start the children using it tomorrow. You'll like it too. Priced reasonably at 40c a large tube. © 1929 by E. R. Squibb & Sons

SQUIBB'S
Dental Cream

The Religious Training of Our Children

(*Continued from page* 13)

worlds through the further investigation of vibrations, may actually have us at a disadvantage in the matter of co-ordinating impressions of the Unseen with the Seen. The four-year-old daughter of a friend once made this explanation between created and uncreated spirit: "God has no halo, Mother; He is of the stuff that halos are made of."

Providing a child's sense of the beautiful is associated in his mind from the first with the idea of the beauty and creative power of God, his own perceptions grow with very little prompting. The older of my two little girls, although she is neither very imaginative nor artistic, has always had an entrancing familiarity with God and His ways. One winter morning when she was not quite six years old, she was kept in bed to check the beginnings of a cold. She could see the sunrise over Mount Holyoke from her bed and as I passed her door to go to breakfast, she called out, "I think God is very nice to let me watch His pink clouds come over that hill." As soon as a child's observation of nature is at all awake, there are a thousand ways in which he finds God for himself, and as this observation, in an older child, comes to have a scientific character, the warfare between science and religion will never be necessary if his perception of God in nature has never been lost sight of.

IN all older children, and in younger ones of six or seven who are endowed with artistic powers, God may be perceived not only as immanent in nature but as reflected in the beauty which men have created, in music, in pictures, in poetry. It is possible that children are less likely to associate esthetic experiences with their religious life without suggestion from those who provide the artistic mediums, but if they can be helped to regard the works of art which they enjoy as fragmentary reflections of Ultimate Beauty, their religious experiences will be widened and enriched, and, in adult life, their powers of esthetic discrimination will have been sharpened.

Inasmuch as the *ideal* for childhood's religion, as well as for adults', is to find the presence of God in all our experiences and with more and more continuity, it would be tedious for me to go on to list the fields of interest in a child's life wherein he is most likely to receive religious impressions. If a child's religion is to have any vitality, everything in his physical, intellectual and emotional life can be found to have a relation to it, and used toward developing it. Our children are taught the need of bodily vigor for the achievement of success later in life; I see no real reason why parents and gymnasium teachers and school nurses should fail to stress the counterpart to that ambition, namely that the human body, as the temple of the Holy Spirit, must not be allowed to be a cause of weakness or failure in offering a noble and well-rounded life to God. Modern psychology is particularly valuable in its education of the emotions as the means of preventing frustration and warping of human personality, but one could wish that the emphasis were less in the direction of the realization of selfhood and more toward a union of a finite with an Infinite Self. The question of the methods whereby this co-ordination of physical, intellectual and emotional experience can be achieved through a child's religion demands at once more attention than can be given in a brief survey. One method, however, used with success by Oriental and by Quaker mothers is the teaching of physical repose as a means of inducing a receptive attitude toward the presence of God. I am told that in a Quaker family there are times when even the littlest children are taught to sit quietly beside their parents in the silence which they dedicate to the worship of God. In the East, it is of course a part of the education of every Hindu child to acquire the power of meditation. This power, which is not a relaxation into a muggy cloud of sentimentalism, but a dynamo which generates tremendous spiritual vigor and poise, is achieved through rigorous mental discipline. I am confident that there would be fewer neuroses in adult life if a part of childhood's training had been the learning of mental repose in the midst of distractions.

But there is another phase of a child's religion which I think is coming to be valued increasingly. Just as a child's play instinct is being used constantly in the development of his mind and body, I believe it to be the strongest means available in establishing a healthful religion. Children must have a religion that is enjoyable; they must have a religion they can *do* something about. Religion must be receptive, but it must be active as well or become anemic and die. To discuss means whereby home surroundings might offer stimuli to this phase of a child's religious development would be to venture into controversial ground inasmuch as the apparatus of religion will vary according to theological backgrounds.

HOWEVER, I believe play and religion may have a natural interdependence. I suppose the most fortunate children in this respect are those who live in countries where the year's calendar of religious festivals isn't limited to Christmas and Easter. Where each month offers special days of feast and fast, and where local customs offer young and old a part in religious celebrations, the Christian year can never become the colorless thing our Puritan ancestors have handed down to us. I remember seeing a Corpus Christi celebration in the cathedral at Blois one Sunday in June, where tiny children were allowed to walk in the procession. The older ones, who had made their first Com-

munions that year, were dressed in the usual way, the girls in white dresses and veils, the boys in black with their white arm ribbons; but the little ones had wreaths of flowers on their heads and carried baskets of rose petals which they scattered in the path of the priest who carried the Blessed Sacrament. The value of this sort of thing is, of course, reflected in our own use of Christmas plays for children and in the Christmas cribs before which in some churches children come to lay their gifts for the poor. Some churches provide small potted geraniums for their Sunday school children on Easter afternoon, although in my own case I never remember that my perception of the power of the Resurrection was particularly sharpened by my annual geranium. But even where our parish churches fulfil their function in providing an occasional celebration for children, I feel that there is no *sustained* religious consciousness which our children carry with them from the services.

CHILDREN require a religion of action, but at its best the performing of religious practices comes from the children themselves with at least a decreasing amount of planning and urging from older people. While I think there is something more to be said for the old-fashioned loyalty to family worship in the family pew than just its sentimental value, and while there certainly ought to be some sort of corporate worship for the family at home, I think it is a pity that our children have nothing to do in church on week days—that their times for prayers and churchgoing are all arranged for them by grown-ups. I think so often of the little churches in France and in Italy where children scuffled in and out at all times of day. To be sure, they often disturbed one's devotions, they whispered sometimes, and even splashed one another with holy water, but there was never a child who came without acknowledging a Great Presence there—in his attitude and in his prayers, however brief. A practice within the reach of a child's understanding which is provided for them in these churches is the lighting of votive candles. These little lights left flickering in the iron candle stands are prayers, not of words but of action, of being. Children are not always articulate in forming verbal prayers for themselves, but a child would have to be very tiny and very unimaginative who did not understand the symbol of light burning as the focus of his intention and as his offering to the greater glory of God.

This matter of children loving to do things their own way brings up the whole question of how much parental direction there should be in religious beginnings. I know that contempt for an unreal or insincere religion leads some parents to an attempt to rule out *all* religious influences in the hope that whatever religious life there is, will be wholly spontaneous, an indigenous growth in the child's mind, entirely of his own making and free from the artificiality and coercion which is so

(*Turn to next page*)

Call in the Health Squad

to protect your child against disease

WHERE are the mother and father who do not look at their children through rose-colored glasses? It seems incredible that those little replicas of your flesh and blood could have any faults. Yet if parents only could see through neighbors' eyes. . . .

If your child is becoming habitually cross, if other youngsters in the neighborhood constantly outstrip him in games, look to his health. A deficiency of any one of the four vitamins may cover up that happy disposition so characteristic of the healthy child.

The vitamins act as policemen who protect your child against disease. Vitamins prevent rickets, soft teeth, scurvy, stunted growth. They guard against the frequent colds, sore throats, and other winter ailments which find the run-down child an easy prey.

Often it is not possible to make sure that your child is getting the four necessary vitamins in the foods he eats. But medical science has provided a food-combination which eliminates this danger. A leading biological chemist has demonstrated, through laboratory tests, that "Maltine With Cod Liver Oil"—added to orange juice in adequate dosage—*provides a sufficient quantity of all four vitamins to promote health.*

In the past, mothers have contented themselves with simply giving their children plain cod liver oil. Yet, cod liver oil *alone* lacks Vitamins B and C. Seventy per cent of "Maltine With Cod Liver Oil" is Maltine, a concentrated extract of malted barley, wheat and oats, rich in Vitamin B. The remainder is made up of pure vitamin tested cod liver oil (rich in Vitamins A and D). When "Maltine With Cod Liver Oil" is taken in orange juice (Vitamin C), you furnish the child with vitamin protection simply and effectively.

Clinical tests prove that this preparation is far more palatable than plain cod liver oil. Keep a bottle of "Maltine With Cod Liver Oil" conveniently in the kitchen cabinet. Stir it in with the child's morning glass of orange juice.

Read "The Doctor Talks About Vitamins"

In plain, every-day English, this interesting booklet explains the tremendous part that vitamins play in our health. It is free. Every mother should have a copy. Write to The Maltine Company, 20 Vesey Street, New York. Established 1875.

The A B C's of Vitamins

A "OFFICER A" *is essential to normal growth and helps protect against certain infections, especially those that attack the respiratory system. Maltine With Cod Liver Oil is a recognized rich source of Vitamin A.*

B "OFFICER B" *is most essential. Lack of Vitamin B results in loss of appetite, a cessation of growth, and the appearance of certain nervous disorders. Vitamin B (the Maltine vitamin) is found in abundance in Maltine With Cod Liver Oil.*

C "OFFICER C" *prevents scurvy. Orange juice is everywhere recognized as very rich in Vitamin C. That's why we recommend this policeman.*

D "OFFICER D" *is also necessary. A deficiency of Vitamin D causes rickets, that weakener of child bones. Sound teeth depend upon it. It is meager or lacking in all our ordinary foods. Maltine With Cod Liver Oil is rich in Vitamin D.*

Maltine

WITH COD LIVER OIL

Accepted by the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

FRESH MILK

Make Them Take It—
Make Them Like It

Your child has vital need of milk and you owe it to him, on your responsibility as a parent, to see that he takes it. But the way is not to scold or threaten him, but to offer it to him with a STONE'S SANITARY STRAW, as though it were an ice cream soda. Thousands of parents and school dietitians have discovered that this is a device that works almost invariably. A straw makes any good drink taste better. Furthermore, straws prevent gulping—thereby aiding digestion.

It's a good idea to keep STONE'S SANITARY STRAWS always on hand for this and other purposes, for instance, for use in the sick-room and for serving cool drinks on all occasions. Get the handy ten-cent home package from your druggist. If he does not have it, send us the coupon and ten cents (stamps or coin) for a package.

STONE'S *Sanitary* STRAWS

STONE STRAW CORPORATION
Washington, D. C.

I am enclosing ten cents (stamps or coin) for which please send me the handy home package of STONE'S SANITARY STRAWS.

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... State.....

Druggist's Name .....

Druggist's Address .....

The Religious Training of Our Children

(*Continued from page* 47)

likely to create rebellion against all religion later on. But in an environment where there is no talk of religion, and no visible practice of it on the part of the adults, children are bound to deduce from the situation that it is of no particular importance. This deduction is, of course, exactly what is desired by some parents. To take up the cudgels in defense of religion as a whole would carry a discussion of this sort too far afield, and I am obliged therefore to make the assumption that it is of very great importance, and on this basis point out the fallacy in the parental attitude as I saw it in a remark a parent made to me not long ago: "No, we aren't giving our children any special religious training," she said. "When they are older they will choose for themselves." Where this represents the policy toward religious development there is an irreparable loss of the impressionable, inquiring, formative years, which becomes a tremendous handicap for the young men and women who decide later to begin the search for God. All children are bound to get all sorts of religious and philosophical impressions from their friends, their teachers, the household servants, and from their reading. It is impossible to keep an intelligent child from forming definite pictures of God, of Christ, of the state of being after death, and so on. His curiosity goes out to find satisfactory explanations of his own being. It seems a tragic mistake for parents not to take at least as much pains with the formation of worthy religious concepts in their children as they do in providing them with the right schooling, the right diet and the right sort of amusements.

BUT to come to the more practical problem as to how parental direction can begin, I believe that before a child has emerged from babyhood what is known as "a rule of life" should be established; thereby using the vigor of habit as a means of setting the child's religious life under his own control. At first when children have not learned to speak, this rule can be only rather brief night and morning prayers which are said for them. Most children can say some sort of prayers for themselves by the time they are three—and get a good deal of enjoyment out of it. By the time they are five or six they can be made to understand that prayers are not formal "pieces" recited to mother at bedtime, but that they are talk—actual communion with God in which one listens as well as speaks; that they can be said any time, at all times, and include not only simple petitions, but thanksgiving, intercession for others, contrition, and the presentation of childhood's problems which require quite as much poise and illumination of mind for children as for adults. Certainly a child of seven or eight can undertsand the use of silent, brief prayer—what is often termed ejaculatory prayer—while he is out playing or at work in school. I am confident that if the proper beginnings have been made in babyhood, even a child who is spiritually not very gifted can be made to understand and sense the perpetual presence of God by the time he is eight years old.

Some time ago, on a night when my husband and I were dining away from home, I remember having this reassuring report on my return, of at least the pragmatic value of my boy's use of prayer: the two brothers, aged seven and ten, who at that time shared the same room, were quarreling and tormenting each other at bedtime; after the usual efforts to get them quieted down for the night, my housekeeper permitted the younger boy to get into a bed in a room next to hers. Bobbie is an excitable boy, and in spite of her urging him to quiet down, she heard him thrashing around restlessly, making the usual pilgrimages to the bathroom, and all sorts of ceremonies over getting a drink and a handkerchief. Finally she heard him mutter: "I know what I'll do, I'll get up and say some prayers!" She heard him get out of bed and after several minutes of silence, she heard a sigh of relief and an emphatic "There now, I'm the peacefullest man in the house!" He trotted off to his own bed, and after a courteous exchange of good-nights between the two boys, she heard nothing more. Sometime during that same winter the older boy made another revelation of the way in which recourse to prayer may become instinctive. One morning when I came in to close the window he said he had had a bad dream, and while the danger of the dream bore down on him he said he began saying "Our Father" in his sleep. "By the time I came to the end of it, I was awake," he said, "and instead of feeling night-marey and scared the way I usually do, I was all cosy and didn't mind the dream a bit." From this incident, I felt that the boy had perhaps brought his mind to a point where it could appropriate the steadying power in prayer almost involuntarily.

EVERY parent would agree that he wished his child's religion to be spontaneous, robust, ardent without sentimentality or pretence; but the means whereby such a religion can be established and guided will differ not only with the temperament of the children but with the religious convictions—or lack of them—on the part of the parents. To attempt to suggest what religious convictions there must be for the religious education of children is to invite controversy. However, I feel that at the age of adolescence the child should be already equipped with the religion of adult life, so that if he chooses to enter upon the rite of confirmation this becomes not merely joining the church but "putting on the whole armor of God."

CHRISTMAS BOOKS *for Your Children*

Miss Pert's Christmas Tree
By J. Paget-Fredericks

How a little girl turned into a Christmas tree. A big red book with many pictures by the author. $3.50

The Goldsmith of Florence
By Katharine Gibson

The lives of great craftsmen from the middle ages to today. Fully illustrated with photographs. $5.00

The Birthday of the Infanta
By Oscar Wilde

Unusual pictures by Pamela Bianco for a famous story. A companion volume to The Land of Dreams. $2.25
Limited signed edition. $5.00

All About Pets
By Margery Bianco

A guide book to the care of pets that is both practical and amusing. $2.00

Little Christmas: Or How the Toys Come
By Z. Guth

An attractive little picture book, printed in Czechoslovakia. $2.00

The Forest Story
By Rudolf Mates

Simple stories and rhymes and many gay pictures about the hedgehog, bumble-bee, rabbit and firefly. $3.50

Spin Top Spin
By Elsa Eisgruber

An exquisite picture book from Germany. Nursery rhymes with full color illustrations. $3.00

The Golden Goat
By Helen Hill and Violet Maxwell

Another story of Provence by the authors of Little Tonino. $2.00

The Fat Camel of Bagdad
By K. O. S. (Baroness Dombrowski)

A very amusing book about the adventures of a vegetable merchant and his wife. $2.00

Hitty: Her First Hundred Years
By Rachel Field

The life story of an American doll with many pictures by Dorothy Lathrop. $2.50

Peregrin and the Goldfish
By Tom Seidman-Freud

Another picture book from Germany about a small boy's journey with his favorite goldfish. $2.00

The Ballad of Tangle Street
By Peggy Bacon

Pictures and verses from the pen of a well-known etcher. $2.50

Our new catalog, Reading Lists for Boys and Girls, will prove invaluable to all parents. Ask for it at your bookshop, or we will send it free anywhere on request.

THE MACMILLAN CO.
60 Fifth Avenue **New York City**

Boston :: Atlanta :: Chicago :: Dallas :: San Francisco

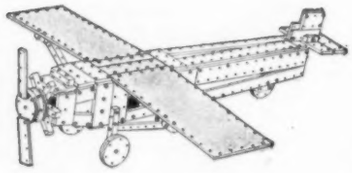
A Magic Box
filled with Toys without Number!

Sturdy, realistic, practical toys of endless variety—airplanes, motor trucks, bridges, tractors, swings, doll furniture—all "made to order" out of a box of Arkitoy Play Lumber!

Here is an amazing new wood construction set that makes every boy and girl a "toy architect"—designers and builders of their own toys. Teaches children to *think* as they *play*—stimulates creative thought and ingenuity. Every completed model provides the great thrill of achievement! No hammering or sawing. The accurately made, mathematically calculated materials are cut to standard sizes, ready to put together. Complete plan book with every set shows great variety of models that can be built. *Here is the answer to your "toy problem"!*

Four sizes: $1.00, $2.00, $3.50 *and* $5.00. *At leading stores—or shipped direct, prepaid express or parcel post, if your dealer cannot supply you. Free descriptive circular.*

G. B. LEWIS COMPANY
Dept. D-12 Watertown, Wis.



MAIL THE COUPON!

G. B. LEWIS CO., Dept D-12
Watertown, Wis.

☐ 10c enclosed for which send me 32-page Arkitoy Plan Book (included free with every set).

☐ Send free descriptive circular.

Enter my order for:
...No. 1 set ($1.00) ...No. 2 set ($2.00)
...No. 3 set ($3.50) ...No. 4 set ($5.00)

☐ Remittance enclosed ☐ Ship C. O. D.

Name .....

Address .....

Can Sex Be Determined?

(*Continue from page* 16)

differences arise, is best understood by reference to the accompanying figure or diagram. That diagram is much simplified, but it gives an outline of the real situation. In its upper portion two cells are shown. The male cell, which in its next division gives rise to two normal sperms, is figured with only three chromosomes (the small bodies which determine the form and character of the offspring). The female cell, which in division gives rise to two eggs (actually only one functional egg and another small abortive one), contains four chromosomes. The four chromosomes of the undivided female cell may be considered typical of all of the cells of the body of the female. The three chromosomes of the male cell likewise represent the chromosomal equipment of the cells throughout the body of the male. Actually these numbers appear to be 47 in man and 48 in woman. It is possible that the human male may have a small additional "Y-chromosome," instead of a complete absence of a large "X-chromosome" carried by the human female; but if this is true that small chromosome would enter sperm *A* of our diagram, and two kinds of sperms would still be formed in the way indicated. It is now easy to see that when a sperm of type *A* unites with any egg whatever (*A* or *B*) an individual will be formed that has the chromosomal make-up (3 in our diagram; 47 in fact) of a male. And normally this is the thing that decides that this union will in fact produce a male. The union of a sperm of type *B* with any available egg will restore the cellular structure of the female cell, and this union will give rise to a female individual.

THESE simple facts underlie all well-founded discussion of the nature of sexuality and the normal mechanism of sex determination. They supply the true reason for the birth of boys and girls in approximately equal numbers. They readily dispose of many absurd ideas relating to the control of sex in the human. All eggs produced by the human are alike; differences reside in the sperms. Since, however, the sperms are of two kinds it may be asked whether a control of sex may sometime be brought about through the elimination or inactivation of one kind of sperm? This may be granted; but the facts are that this has not yet been done, the practical difficulties are enormous, and the acquirement of this power may not reasonably be expected within the immediate future.

The important development in modern experimental biology, which demonstrates that it is possible to control the sex of some animals, remains for consideration. This particular development is more properly regarded as an individual instance of a far-reaching control which man is learning to exercise over the various performances of living matter. In this general field it has been found that the eggs of some animals—even of animals such as the frog—can be made to develop without the use of any sperm whatever. Also, in some animals the normal union of sperm and egg can be made to result in the formation of two individuals instead of one. Or again, parts of the organism that would normally form the tail can be induced to form the head, and *vice versa*. But in all these cases—including the control of sex—the biologist selects material which permits easy access to egg and embryo during their early and most vulnerable stages; and he then brings one or another very specific agency to bear upon these favorable stages.

ONE or two things may now be said of our present power to control sex in animals. Here we deal with cases in which the experimentalist has overcome the influence of chromosomal differences and has thus brought about true sex transformation or sex-reversal. As already suggested this control has been accomplished in specially suitable material—where the experimentalist could apply special and appropriate treatment during very early stages of the developing animal. Frogs and birds get their eggs out to us in a convenient form for these experiments. In these animals sex has been, and is being, often and rather readily controlled. In the frog it has been found that some of the eggs and embryos which would otherwise produce females can be made to develop into male tadpoles and frogs by forcing them to undergo their earlier development at temperatures higher than normal. The same thing can also be accomplished in frogs by forcing the eggs to become "overripe" before sperms are allowed to unite with them. On the other hand, probably some male frogs are transformed into females by forcing them to develop at very low temperatures. Most of these experiments were performed in Europe.

Various studies on birds have thrown much light on the control of sex. In pigeons—where two kinds of eggs and only one kind of sperm are formed—we find it possible to force some eggs that would normally become females to develop into males. To do this we merely arrange to use eggs that arise in one kind of dove or pigeon, and to have these eggs fertilized by sperms produced in an *entirely* different kind of pigeon. Examples of such a cross-mating are found in the ordinary cage ring dove and a common pigeon; or, our wild mourning dove and the ring dove. All, or practically all, of the eggs obtained from such cross-mating produce males irrespective of whether the eggs used are of one sex type or the other. But this is not a practical method of controlling sex in the human, since mates so dissimilar and unrelated as ring dove and common pigeon are not to be found within the human family. The dove and pigeon are almost as different as the rat and the badger.

One other easily described method of changing the sex in birds, even after hatching, may be cited. It happens that a young female chicken always has a good left ovary and a minute and disappearing right ovary. If, at a few days or weeks after hatching, the good left ovary is surgically removed from a chick the disappearing right ovary will then face about and do a remarkable thing. It will again begin to grow. But this time it will develop as a testis, not as an ovary. At the onset of maturity this formerly female fowl will take on the appearance and the sex behavior of a rooster. Internally it will have developed a channel for carrying sperms from the testis to the exterior; and the sperms will be properly formed in a truly male germ gland. The female bird has become a male. By this method sex in birds has been and is being controlled by a number of investigators.

OTHER successful methods of controlling sex in a few other animals and plants could be cited. None of those cases, and also none of the cases actually cited by us, offers any immediately practical means of controlling sex in the human. Moreover, even if entirely practicable, it would be quite undesirable to bring about such control —except by the now impossible method of inactivating one kind of sperm—since the resulting daughters would have the chromosomes of a boy and the boy would have the chromosomes of a girl.

To sum up, then, what, from a scientific point of view, is the present answer to the question: Can sex be determined? The methods hitherto developed for the control of sex in a part of the animal world can not be extended profitably to man himself. The great value of the biologists' success in controlling sex in some species—as in the control of other life-processes—lies in its proof of the plasticity of living matter; in its suggestion of the high measure of man's ultimate control over the phenomena of life; and in the stimulus it gives to man's efforts to control his own destiny. Meanwhile, it is easy to realize that the general good of the human race is particularly well served by a self-balancing arrangement which provides males and females in nearly equal numbers.

Gifts for Your Children

By Ethel Romig Fuller

Snow jewels,
Perfume of cedar boughs in a warm room,
Spice of red roses.
Memories of holly wreaths,
Of candle flame and fire light,
Of carols sung in a frosty dawn.
The art of graceful giving.
A re-telling of the Christ Child story,
A home modeled on love and truth,
Two parents with Christmas in their hearts.

The LIFE-TIME CHRISTMAS GIFT of HAPPINESS

"The Responsiveness of the Brambach Action makes it an instrument for the artiste."

Dorothy Stone—*Popular musical comedy star.*

Hand-made with the greatest care. Only 4 Feet 10 Inches long. In Mahogany. F. O. B. New York . . $675

DOROTHY STONE *says of the . . .*

BRAMBACH
BABY GRAND

CHRISTMAS with music...on the most beautifully toned... popular priced...instrument of small grand creation. Through all the years...the golden tones of a genuine Brambach.

In selecting your piano, remember these three achievements of tone supremacy which have made Brambach the world's largest makers of small grand pianos. The Tone Expander that imparts to Brambach the tone volume of larger instruments. The Brambach Scale that is conceded the finest in any baby grand. The Sounding Board that so enriches the tone, is greater in area and string length than any other small grand. It is guaranteed unconditionally for life.

Brambach Art and Period Models to harmonize with every scheme of interior decoration. Generous and extended purchase terms through Brambach dealers place this leader of baby grands within the reach of every lover of fine music.

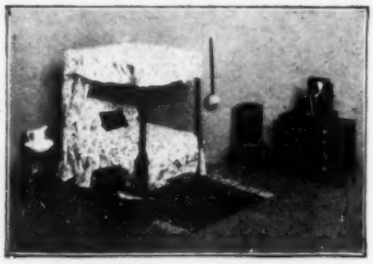
Requires no more space than an upright piano.

The Brambach Piano Co., Mr. Mark P. Campbell, Pres.
627 West 51st St., New York City.

Please send paper pattern showing exact size of Brambach Baby Grand and piano booklet.

Name .....

Address ..... City .....



When you have Dollies fine and proud,
If they could speak their thoughts aloud,
You'd be surprised, I'm sure, to hear
How sad they feel when night draws near,
To think that they must sleep on chairs
So high the thought of falling scares.
Why not have beds a Doll enjoys
In houses filled with TYNIETOYS.

TYNIETOY
DOLL HOUSE FURNITURE

fits small dolls and pleases little mothers. Dainty, yet serviceable, playing with it is just like "keeping house."

Every Piece a Reproduction of a Genuine Antique Model
Hand Made and Hand Colored

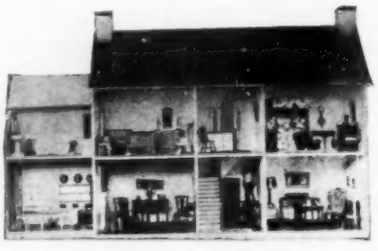
Chippendale, Sheraton and Colonial models all in the same small scale. Illustrations above about 1-10 actual size.

Sold as Complete Rooms or as separate pieces

FOUR-POSTER BED ROOM
11 Pieces, Mahogany, $15.25

Four Poster Bed	$4.75	Bureau	$2.75
Chair	1.25	Washstand	1.00
Cradle	1.50	Rug	.75
Dressing Table		Warming Pan	1.50
Glass	1.00	Pillow	.25
Pitcher and Bowl	.35	Painted Stool	.45

Complete room or separate pieces sent anywhere on receipt of price



TYNIETOY Doll Houses

Replicas of real New England Homes, Furnished or Unfurnished, $17.50 to $350.

	Furnished	Unfurnished
Colonial Mansion 12 Rooms, with garden and running water. Wired for electricity.	$400	$250
A Modern House 6 Rooms, with an interesting and unusual stairway wired for electricity.	$200	$125
New England Town House 9 Rooms, wired for electricity.	$150	$85
Nantucket House 5 Rooms, with fenced-in yard.	$100	$55
Village House 4 Rooms, with Arbor.	$60	$30
South County Farm House 2 Rooms. Front drops and forms yard.	$45	$17.50

Large photos of Doll Houses sent on request.

WRITE FOR FREE ILLUSTRATED CATALOG
showing 150 pieces of TYNIETOY FURNITURE, prices from 15c to $15.00.

TOY FURNITURE SHOP
Makers of Tynietoys
51 Market Square **Providence, R. I.**

My Daughter Chose to Read Trash

(*Continued from page 28*)

them from Mother! Helen had loved to mother each little baby brother as he came along and she would have adored their gift if it had been a tin pan.

As the morning wore on I saw Helen eying the titles until finally she asked, "Mother, have you read any of these?"

"Yes, dear," I said casually. "Let's see, this is thrilling," and I picked up "The Conqueror" and began to tell her how it impressed me as I read it. Before evening Helen was curled up in a big leather chair poring over her story, and before New Year's she was deep in her third book.

AFTER school opened one of the teachers telephoned to me and said, "Helen's work is going down. What is the matter? We regarded her as one of our substantial pupils." In February another teacher telephoned. Those two months showed a decided drop in her report card. This was a matter for careful handling. I went to school and had a talk with each teacher and the principal. I told them about the books and begged for a little patience. They all understood and sympathized with the situation and co-operated. One or two of the teachers discussed the latest book Helen was reading with her. In March I said, "Helen, suppose you work to get back your former school record. The girls will soon classify you with the 'lowest fourth' of the class and it is hard to recover class respect once it is lost. If you catch up now they will feel that your slump was only temporary." "I suppose the trouble is that I'm spending all my time reading," Helen admitted. I nodded. "Suppose we take these books as Daddy does his cigars and cut down for a while, say two a month," I suggested. It was a friendly little talk via the well-worn path of appeal to pride. As a result of it the last three months brought respectable reports.

As I look back I realize that moment three years ago when Helen told me of her determination to read trashy books was a most significant one in my daughter's life. I am confident there is just such a moment in every boy's and girl's reading experience. Up to that time Helen had had access to the best of books. But all her early reading had been done with a child's mind. Then came adolescence. Reading can be a great aid at this time if a mother realizes that her child is no longer reading books as stories but as life. The question is what life she wants her daughter or son to live through books.

It is not a time for preaching or for high-handed censorship, when our adolescent sons and daughters reach the age when an awakening interest in the sexual side of life frequently leads them to seek the gratifications of their curiosity in erotic literature. It is a time when parents must be guided by all the sympathetic understanding they possess. If they expose their adolescent children to the best that literature has to offer it is safe to believe that the taste of the normal young person will lead him away from the cheap and the vulgar toward the great interpretations of love, passion, heroism and sacrifice found in the best books of all ages.

The following list of twenty-five recent books that girls in their teens will enjoy (many of them will be attractive to boys as well) should help parents to meet successfully the reading interests of adolescence.

ALICE ADAMS, by Booth Tarkington. *Doubleday, Doran.* $2.00.

An excellent story of a small-town girl who built air castles.

BAMBI, by Felix Salten. *Simon and Schuster.* $2.50.

The life of a deer which all ages have enjoyed, even those who do not care for animal stories.

THE BROAD HIGHWAY, by Jeffery Farnol. *Little, Brown.* $2.00.

Of genuine romantic flavor and fine characterization—this tale has always been a favorite with girls.

THE BECKONING ROAD, by Caroline Dale Snedeker. *Doubleday, Doran.* $2.00.

A sequel to "Downright Dencey" in which the family of the heroine travels west to the colony of New Harmony in Ohio. Both these books are for younger girls than those who care for novels.

THE BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS REY, by Thornton Wilder. *Boni and Liveright.* $2.50.

Girls have found this splendid philosophic story much to their fancy.

CHRISTOPHER & COLUMBUS, by "Elizabeth." *Garden City Publishing Co.* $2.50.

An amusing story of twin girls who run a tea room in California during the war.

CLAIRE AMBLER, by Booth Tarkington. *Doubleday, Doran.* $2.50.

A very modern story for our very modern daughters who think themselves grown up.

DADDY LONG-LEGS, by Jean Webster. *Century.* $1.50.

Letters written by an orphan college girl to her benefactor who later becomes her husband.

A DAUGHTER OF THE SAMURAI, by Etsu Inagaki Sugimoto. *Doubleday, Doran.* $3.00.

This beautifully written picture of the author's life in her native land is a book for the whole family.

A DAUGHTER OF THE SEINE, by Jeanette Eaton. *Harpers.* $2.50.

A life of Madame Roland and the story of the French Revolution for young people.

DEATH COMES FOR THE ARCHBISHOP, by Willa Cather. *Knopf.* $2.50.

Like "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" this novel has been appropriated by discriminating young people, usually those who are reading the more complex adult book.

DOWNRIGHT DENCEY, by Caroline Dale Snedeker. *Doubleday, Doran.* $2.00.
Dencey lived in the Nantucket of one hundred years ago.

FOREVER FREE, by Honoré Willsie Morrow. *Morrow.* $2.50.
A story of the Lincolns from the time they enter the White House to Tad Lincoln's death. WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE continues the story.

GINEVRA, by Virginia Watson. *Dutton.* $2.50.
The story of a girl of 17th Century Florence who disguises herself as her brother and goes out into the world to retrieve the family fortune.

THE HOME MAKER, by Dorothy Canfield. *Harcourt Brace.* $2.00.
The story of a husband who understands his children better than his business. It's a good, homey book with a unique theme.

MARTIN PIPPIN IN THE APPLE ORCHARD, by Eleanor Farjeon. *Stokes.* $2.50.
Pure fantasy with the romantic touch for the girl who still dreams dreams.

MATILDA, GOVERNESS OF THE ENGLISH, by Sophia Cleugh. *Macmillan.* $2.00.
A simple, pleasant tale of the governess of a family of children.

MESSER MARCO POLO, by Donn Byrne. *Century.* $1.25.
In prose that is poetry is told the story of the great Venetian traveler.

MY ANTONIA, by Willa Cather. *Houghton, Mifflin.* $2.50.
A girlhood in the prairie country—told with great power.

PENROD, by Booth Tarkington. *Doubleday, Doran.* $2.00.

PENROD AND SAM, by Booth Tarkington. *Doubleday, Doran.* $2.00.
Girls delight in these stories as much as boys.

PIRATES' PORT, by Alida Sims Malkus. *Harpers.* $2.00.
A splendid picture of New York under English rule but with the Dutch influence still very strong. Young girls will enjoy this.

20 HOURS 40 MINUTES, Our Flight in the Friendship, by Amelia Earhart. *Putman.* $2.50.
The American girl, first across the Atlantic by air, tells her story.

VIVANDIERE, by Phoebe Fenwick Gaye. *Liveright.* $2.50.
Napoleon's March on Moscow is the setting for the brave and lovely story of Julie, the Vivandière; a story fine and colorful and true.

THE VOYAGE OF THE NORMAN D—, by Barbara Newhall Follett. *Knopf.* $2.50.
A thirteen-year-old girl as a member of the crew writes of her experiences.

The Evergreen

Oh, slender-needled evergreen!
A shaggy pyramid against the sky.
Lyre of the lulling wind.
Show me a lesson, mute teacher—
Thou who turnest the same face to winter
As to summer!

—Elizabeth Anderson.

SMART—COMFORTABLE—SAFE!

YOUR baby will enjoy his meals in this attractive, roomy, and comfortable Heywood-Wakefield high chair. It can be secured with either an aluminum or gaily colored enamel food tray. The trays have no sharp corners to catch baby fingers and are fastened by a simple, yet safe, device which permits instant removal for cleaning. All chairs are constructed with a broad leg spread to prevent tipping. . . . Most of the better stores will be pleased to show you a wide variety of Heywood-Wakefield juvenile chairs and rockers in light, baby colors or in mahogany and other standard finishes. To be sure of the best for your baby, look for the Heywood-Wakefield label—a mark of fine furniture for more than one hundred years.

Send 6 cents to Heywood-Wakefield Company, 209 Washington Street, Boston, Mass., for a copy of our new edition of "In the Life of a Baby," a helpful book for new and prospective mothers.

Heywood-Wakefield
makers of
Baby Carriages and Juvenile Furniture

AMUSEMENT *and* INSTRUCTION

Throughout the year

in these unusual Christmas gifts

Little Gem Microscope. Sturdy, accurate. Magnifies 196 to 1525 areas. Price, $17.

Artascope. A delightful toy that may be used to add interest to art studies, etc. Price, $2.

If your dealer cannot supply you —mail coupon now and bring them directly to your home. There couldn't be a wiser way to "shop early" for the children.

A DELIGHTFUL surprise on Christmas morning, one of these altogether unusual gifts! And after Christmas, a source of exhaustless entertainment and instruction throughout the year!

The Little Gem Microscope is an unfailing means of stimulating interest in nature study. Children learn readily to use it, and are immediately encouraged to investigate and think for themselves. In all sorts of ordinary objects about them they begin to discover new interest, new possibilities for enjoyment. Two specimen slides are furnished.

The Artascope is a fascinating toy for children of all ages. It creates, from scraps of paper, beads, or any other small objects, a variety of colorful and lovely designs. It proves endlessly entertaining and may be used successfully in conjunction with the study of art and design.

One of these novel, well-built toys will prove an investment in year-round happiness for the children. Mail the coupon today, indicating whether you want the Microscope, the Artascope, or both. There couldn't be a better way to "do your shopping early."

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.

732 St. Paul St. Rochester, N. Y.

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.
Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find $..... for which send me at once, postpaid, the { Little Gem Microscope, $17. / Artascope, $2.

Name .....

Address .....

School Before Five

(Continued from page 17)

for your coat, and the compartment above where you place your hat, leggings and sweater.

Now, there is time to play. What shall it be first? Perhaps first you just like to walk around the room looking things over. There are pictures on the wall, hung low where you can see them. They are pictures of pussies, horses, mothers, daddies, babies, dogs and other beings you have met and are interested in. There are growing plants which you have helped to water. There are fish which move so fast. There is the bright sun shining in through the windows which line the entire southern wall of your room.

None of these things holds you long.

You are attracted to the steps. These are a part of the play equipment. They are specially built low wooden steps with a railing at just the right height and leading up to a square platform.

The first time you tried to climb these steps, it was not so easy as now. Miss L. had to stand near you so she could teach you how to hold onto the railing and how to put one foot down after the other. Mother had never let you play steps at home because she said you would fall and hurt yourself. But now that you know how, you never do fall.

YOUR attention span is not very long at three years, so you soon look around for something new to do. Nancy is playing with a carpet sweeper. You run over and pull it away from her.

"That is Nancy's carpet sweeper," Miss L. explains in a matter-of-fact voice. "Nancy had it first. There is another carpet sweeper for you in the toy closet."

But you do not go to get it, for it wasn't really a carpet sweeper you wanted, but just whatever Nancy happened to be playing with. However, from repeated lessons you are gradually learning that you must not take away from another child the thing with which he is playing.

It is time now for orange juice with cod-liver oil. This is daintily served to you by Miss L. and you hold the glass all yourself. Next, wraps on again and all ready for the roof.

Up there are toys of every description, toys which help you play together with other children and toys you use by yourself. There is the slide to which three or four children rush. But since there is room for only one at a time, they must learn to take turns. Play teaches them what lectures could not.

There is the swing in which you sit, but you cannot swing high unless you are pushed.

"Push me, please," you say to Miss L.

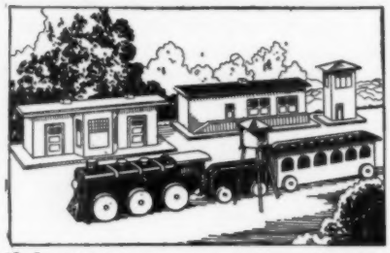
She does, until Ellen comes along and wants to push. When you see Ellen instead of Miss L., you stop the swing and scream. You are rather a difficult child, unsocial, easily irritated, and prone to scream rather than talk.

"Do you understand what she is saying?" Miss L. asks Ellen.

Falcon toys that last

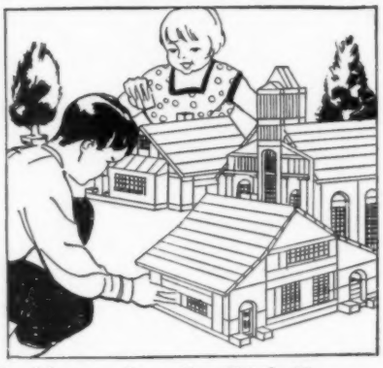
The New Falcon "PLAYTOWN SETS"

An entirely new toy—a regular village with solid wood houses in colors—three types of sets—each set different. Children play with them indoors in winter—in the sand pile in summer. In addition to the set buildings there is also a big assortment of cut blocks for building walks and fences. Extra trees and shrubs for landscape effects.



Falcon Train Set—Engine, tender, coach, station, freight depot, signal tower and water tower. The station is 10 in. long, 3½ in. wide and 4 in. high; other pieces in proportion. **Another of the 3 Playtown Toys.**

3 Sets complete $9.00 Single Sets $3.00



And here we have the ***"Little Home Builders"*** building real houses with

Falcon BUILDING LUMBER

Cut in multiple units so everything "fits"—goes together just like an actual "Ready Cut" house. Architect's Plan Book gives full instructions.

Auxiliary Blocks in Bags $1.00
Interchangeable with the pieces in Falcon Building Lumber Sets

Most Toy Stores sell "Falcon Toys that last"
If you have any difficulty in getting them
MAIL THE COUPON

AMERICAN MFG. CONCERN, Dept. AF
Falconer, N.Y.

I enclose $_____ for the Falcon Toys indicated below—money to be refunded if I wish to return the shipment before Christmas.

_____Complete Playtown Sets at $9.
_____Single Playtown Sets at $3.
_____Sets of Building Lumber at $5.
_____Sets of Building Lumber at $3.50.
_____Bags of Auxiliary Blocks at $1.

Name _____

Address _____

"No," says Ellen. "She cries too much."

So you feel obliged to stop screaming and explain, "I don't want Ellen."

"But Ellen only wants to help you," Miss L. explains and saunters off, leaving the situation to work itself out.

Ellen persists in pushing and Miss L. has walked away. Nobody pays any attention to your screams so you might as well stop.

This is, of course, just what Miss L. had in mind from the beginning. She is pleased a little later to see that you, who entered the nursery school as a distinctly unsocial child, are now quite at home as a member of a group of three. You and Morton are pulling Ellen in an express wagon.

SUSTAINED group play is beyond you or any other three-year-old. You soon tire and immediately drop the handle of the express wagon, leaving Ellen to crawl out at will.

You select a kiddie car from the toy closet. Ellen gets an iron train on a string. Morton, the third mate in the express wagon company, chooses a doll carriage.

Just as you intend riding down a sloping board in your kiddie car, you see Howard pushing James up the board in a wheelbarrow.

"Go 'way!" they say to you who wish to start down. "Go 'way!" you scream to them coming up. "Go 'way! Go 'way!" you all call together.

Miss L. keeps watchfully out of it, allowing you to settle the matter among yourselves. This you finally do, learning a valuable lesson in sharing the use of a common road.

Next you climb on a big toy, as high as a lamp post, made out of bars on which you climb and swing. No one ever falls because Miss L. teaches you how to climb and hold on.

When it is nearly time to go downstairs, you help put all the toys back in the toy closet. Putting away is part of the play.

You want to ring the elevator bell so the elevator man will come to take you down from the roof. Miss L. says it has been rung already. You pout and try to reach it. Miss L. explains again that it has been rung once. You scream and stamp your foot. Miss L. says, "Don't you want to take Lilly's hand so she won't fall?" Lilly is the baby and you love her. You take her hand, forgetting all about ringing the bell.

But if Miss L. had said over and over again, "No, Joan, I said *No*," or if she had slapped you or lectured, you surely would have gone into one of your tantrums. That is what you do at home when Mother or Daddy insists that you obey, and if you keep up your tantrums long enough you have found that Mother and Daddy give in and you don't have to do what they want in the end, anyway.

Once downstairs, the disrobing process completed, there is much to be done.

One group of children goes to the bathroom with Miss L. Here are miniature toilets and washstands two feet

(*Turn to next page*)

"We're no longer happy, Mother!"

FOR some time the young wife had realized that things were changing between herself and her husband. They went out rarely; they did not enjoy the companionship they had at first. They were drifting apart.

Why?

So often the answer lies in the wife's neglect—or more often misunderstanding—of the delicate part of her toilette called feminine hygiene. Yet no woman need misunderstand. "Lysol" Disinfectant has been the unquestioned standard for this purpose for 40 years. It is dangerous to use new, untried preparations. Buy a bottle of "Lysol" Disinfectant today. The directions which come with each bottle are simple and explicit, and they are easy to follow.

Mail us the coupon below. It will bring you, free, our booklet, "The Scientific Side of Health and Youth." It was written for women by a woman physician.

Sole distributors: Lehn & Fink, Inc., Bloomfield, N. J.

Lysol Disinfectant

REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

"Lehn & Fink Serenade"—WJZ and 14 other stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company—every Thursday at 8 p. m., Eastern time; 7 p. m., Central time.

Copyright 1929, by Lehn & Fink, Inc.

LEHN & FINK, Inc., *Sole Distributors*, Dept. 327, Bloomfield, N. J.

Please send me, free, your booklet, "The Scientific Side of Health and Youth."

Name.....

Street.....

City.....State.....

The Christmas Story of the Happiest Girl in the World

I guess Santa did read my letter because on my Christmas tree was a package all done up in red ribbon..and inside was a beautiful box...and when I opened it I found just what I always dreamed for a wonderful ANNIVERSARY PEARL NECKLACE! ...I was awfully proud and happy! Mother says they are GENUINE PEARLS from the Orient and just think! Aunt Elsie and Uncle Ted promise more pearls for my birthday..I am going to treasure my ANNIVERSARY NECKLACE always and as it grows and grows with each birthday and anniversary 'till I'm a big lady it will be the most perfect gift of all gifts I ever receive

PEARL-

AT-A-

TIME

A WORD TO PARENTS:

. . . The cost of an initial ANNIVERSARY NECKLACE of Genuine Pearls is moderate indeed — no more than that of the average kiddies' gift. Starting with a strand of three or more pearls, each birthday and anniversary will bring an imperishable memento in additions of genuine pearls. And her arrival at womanhood will be marked by the completion of a superb genuine pearl necklace — a treasure made priceless by its glorious significance. Pearls are strung on 14 k. white or green gold chains — presented in a distinguished box.

At all leading jewelers. If not obtainable locally we will gladly advise where they can be bought.

Genuine Oriental Pearls

ANNIVERSARY NECKLACES

The Gift that becomes an Heirloom

ANNIVERSARY PEARL COMPANY • 48 WEST 48th STREET • NEW YORK

School Before Five

(*Continued from page* 55)

high. Each child has his own wash cloth, towel, toothbrush, and comb which he is learning to use correctly.

Another group of children, while waiting their turn in the bathroom, have drawn their little chairs around Miss L., who plays the victrola for them. They beat time with their hands and feet, which is great fun, and, incidentally, a lesson in rhythmics. Often, Miss L. reads Mother Goose rhymes and shows them gay colored pictures. These they discuss, along with any other subject under the sun which the pictures or music happen to suggest. Miss L. seems to be out of it, but she is skilfully drawing the more quiet children into the general conversation.

Then it is time for luncheon. You are the fortunate child who has been appointed to help set the tables today. There are five little green tables and fourteen little tan chairs. You help place the tan oilcloth doilies at each place. You put the spoons and glasses and bibs (instead of napkins) just where they belong. You must be very careful not to topple over the bowl of flowers on each little table. Finally all is ready for luncheon. Each child is standing behind his chair, but you have suddenly decided to climb onto the table. You put one foot on your little chair, looking around to see what happens.

"We don't do that here, Joan," Miss L. says quietly. "We all stand behind our chairs now."

You look about and see it is so. You are the only one out of place and you feel very foolish. Morton and Alice are looking at you as if to say, "Hurry up, will you? You're keeping us all waiting with your silliness." You stand behind your chair and then every one sits down.

ONE child serves the dinner at each table. A bowl of creamed cabbage, potatoes and eggs is the first course, and must be finished before the next is served to you.

"I bet I can beat James," you announce to your table, after noticing that James is dawdling and playing with his spoon.

"Look what a little James has eaten," sings out little David.

James stops playing and accepts your challenge, much to the delight of Miss L., who sits opposite him.

At each table is a basket of toast. Take one and pass the rest, is the rule. Fat Simon seems inclined to take two. He holds on to the basket, trying to decide.

"Hurry up, Simon," you call from the end of the table.

"Hurry up, Simon," urges Harriet.

So Simon relinquishes the basket, having learned a bit of manners and control, with the help of his mess-mates.

Each child eats at his own pace, receiving the next dish as soon as he is ready. After the custard dessert, the children carry their empty dishes carefully to the serving table, adjourn to the bathroom, and thence to their nap.

At home you always make a fuss about going to bed because then everybody looks worried and stops what they are doing and just bothers about you. Sometimes they spank you and sometimes they give you candy. They know going to bed is a hard thing and they always do something about it.

But here, they just expect you to go to bed as if it were nothing. Everybody goes to bed. So you go, too.

And that, except for a glass of milk at three and more play at three-thirty, is the end—not of a perfect day—but of the usual routine nursery school day.

To a casual visitor, this nursery school day may seem planless, but that in itself is a part of the plan. It may seem non-educational, but that is because the education is through play. It may seem entirely unlike a school because the children are so uninterruptedly happy.

BUT every activity, every toy, every move by the teachers, is based on a scientific study of the needs and nature and educability of young children.

The informal program is one of the needs. It offers a better opportunity for language development than an organized vocabularly class for these youngsters. It is also exactly fitted to their stage of social development.

Toys to teach sharing are substituted for lectures on unselfishness. Toys such as ladders and steps train the child to balance and poise. Toys such as blocks develop his imagination. Everything with which he plays teaches him something.

The nursery school takes advantage of its knowledge that at this age habits are most easily formed.

The bathroom procedure offers a course in health habits without a single lecture on the subject. Eating and sleeping routines are similarly established to the glad amazement of many parents.

Courtesy is caught rather than taught. The teachers are so carefully polite to every child that politeness becomes the order of the day.

Training in independence is the foundation of the system and turns out to be one of the greatest boons to the busy parent at home.

Obedience is usual because it is so rarely invoked, only when there is real need and then with consistent firmness.

Discipline is inherent in the social situation. Because of this, the children are in general their own best disciplinarians. When punishment by a teacher is necessary, it consists in isolation of the offending child from the group. There are no threats, no nagging, no teasing, no conflicts between adult's and children's wills.

In the last analysis, it is perhaps the teachers who make the nursery school the unique and almost unbelievable place it is. They have the expert knowledge that inspires patience, the training that gives skill, the detachment, the understanding and—what no mother who is also a housekeeper can possibly have—the *time* to give this most difficult and impressionable age the care and supervision it needs.

Still more millions treat Colds DIRECT

MORE and more mothers every year are giving up the old, indirect way of treating children's colds by "dosing," and are adopting the modern, *direct* treatment — Vicks VapoRub.

Cannot Disturb Digestion

"Dosing" is not only a round-about way to treat colds, but it also tends to upset the stomach. Being applied externally, Vicks, of course, cannot disturb the digestion.

Just rubbed on, it acts through the skin like a plaster, and, at the same time, gives off medicated vapors which are inhaled *direct* to the inflamed air-passages. This two-fold, direct treatment, so ideal for children's colds, is equally effective for adults.

Now 26 Million!

Today, the whole trend of medical practice is away from needless "dosing." To keep step with the ever-growing demand for the modern method of treating colds, the famous Vick slogan has again been changed. There are now "Over 26 Million Jars Used Yearly"—a jar for every family in the United States.

VICKS VAPORUB

OVER ~~17~~ 21/26 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

ALBUQUERQUE SUNSHINE Makes Little Bodies STRONG

Neither Bobby nor Andy nor Vivian will ever be twisted with rickets—there is just too much sunshine in Albuquerque for that to happen. They won't have childhood tuberculosis, either, for children native to Albuquerque don't have tuberculosis. They play out of doors all year, in sun suits almost every day. Their father came to Albuquerque for his own health and is as husky as a cowboy now. The children were born here and he is keeping them here so they will be sure to grow up strong and well.

Lots of other children, hundreds of them, who romp their way to schoool in Albuquerque, were brought here for their health. Some of them did have rickets when they came. Some of them had tuberculosis. Some of them were just run down, or nervous, or recovering from an illness. But the luckiest of these children are those whose wise parents wanted them to have an extra chance to be well and strong—and brought them to Albuquerque before they really had to come. If you have a child or know a child who needs this extra help—a mild all-year climate, a sun that beams strongly through an air of crystal clearness, the stimulus of mountain altitude, that child should be brought to Albuquerque.

Albuquerque is the largest city in New Mexico. It is on the main line of the Santa Fe Railroad, on the Western Air Express and T. A. T. transcontinental airlines, and the Midcontinent Air Express from Denver to El Paso. It is right in the heart of the Southwestern health country—and literally thousands of adults and children owe their lives to Albuquerque. The altitude is 5000 ft. Rainfall averages 7½ inches a year. No fogs. Extremely low humidity.

We have a booklet which tells all about healthy, healthful Albuquerque. It gives living costs for furnished homes and apartments, and boarding houses. It tells about hospitals, sanatoriums and medical specialists. It tells about Albuquerque's public school system (among the best in the country), private and parochial schools, and the University of New Mexico. And it will give you an idea of the cultural and historical background of the Southwest and what it means to live and be educated here. It is free—and welcome. May we send it?

Albuquerque Civic Council;
1120 National Bank Bldg.,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Gentlemen: Please send your free booklets—

Sunshine and Health ( )

Scenic New Mexico ( )

Name .....

Address .....

Motion Pictures

(*Continued from page* 34)

MARIANNE, with Marion Davies (*M-G-M*)—Fairly convincing picture of doughboys in French village after the armistice waiting to go home—the long wait greatly lightened by the French girl at the inn. Much love-making, much humor—which sometimes verges on the vulgar—some suggestive touches but not particularly offensive. On the whole, rather amusing, human, and well done. All talking. (E) *For A:* Fair. *For Y:* Amusing and probably harmless. For C: Amusing in spots.

MIDSTREAM, with Ricardo Cortez (*Tiffany*)—The old man—the young girl—the surgeon—youth restored temporarily—relapse and back to first love of his loyal secretary. Mildly interesting for its acting. Sound only. (E) *For A:* Perhaps. *For Y:* Doubtful. *For C:* No.

THE MISSISSIPPI GAMBLER, with Joseph Schildkraut and Joan Bennett (*Universal*)—A delightful picture, of real entertainment value, due to splendid acting, direction and beautiful settings. The title suggests the period and type. All talking. (U) *For A:* Entertaining. *For Y:* Entertaining. *For C:* Too mature.

THE RACKETEER, with Robert Armstrong (*Pathé*)—Melodrama of a racketeer whose heart is golden, if his profession is dubious. Conventions are observed, however, for the girl realizes her love for the honest member of society before she discovers the character of her other suitor. All talking. (U) (E) *For A:* Fair of its type. *For Y:* Unsuitable theme. *For C:* No.

RICH PEOPLE, with Constance Bennett (*Pathé*)—An entertaining, if improbable, romance of an heiress of millions, who falls in love with a man of the "middle class." It is somewhat unconventional in situations but avoids offense. All talking. (U) *For A:* Fairly entertaining. *For Y:* Not recommended. *For C:* No interest and too mature.

SECRETS OF THE SOUL, with Werner Kraus (*Ufa*)—The Freudian theory of treatment by psychoanalysis portrayed in an authoritative way. The excellent cast and unusual theme holds the intellectual interest throughout. Silent. (U) (E) *For A:* Very absorbing. *For Y:* Too mature. *For C:* Too mature.

SUNNY SIDE UP, with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell (*Fox*)—A musical comedy of much merit, thoroughly amusing, its general wholesomeness marred by one quite objectionable sequence. All talking and singing. (E) *For A:* Good of its kind. *For Y and C:* Doubtful.

SWEETIES, with Nancy Carroll (*Paramount*)—A wholesome little comedy, really a musical one, with no attempt at realism—just fun and entertainment. It has several very amusing highlights and is a picture which the family can enjoy together. All talking. (U) *For A:* Amusing. *For Y:* Good of its type. *For C:* Good.

TAMING OF THE SHREW, with Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks (*United Artists*)—Adapted from Shakespeare's comedy, exquisitely produced and spendidly acted. A rare treat for all ages. All talking. (U) (E) *For A:* Excellent. *For Y:* Excellent. *For C:* Excellent.

THREE PASSIONS, with Alice Terry (*United Artists*)—Made in England, directed by the great Rex Ingram, for some time past rather out of practice, this film attempts to portray Service vs. Capital problem presented in Cosmo Hamilton's novel. The story is heavy and involved, lacks smoothness and crescendo, but is notably photographed. Wonderful shots of the steel mills show the touch of a master director. The title refers to Money, Religion and Love. Silent. (E) *For A:* Only fair. *For Y:* Of no interest. *For C:* No.

TONIGHT AT TWELVE, with Madge Bellamy (*Universal*)—"One of you three is my husband's mistress," says the hostess to her guests. Hence, the film. All talking. (E) *For A:* Mediocre. *For Y:* No. *For C:* No.

TWO MEN AND A MAID, with Buster Collier (*Tiffany*)—He marries—misunderstands—leaves—sex adventures with the Foreign Legion in Africa—then back to his wife. False, absurd, and offensive. Part talking. (E) *For A:* Worthless. *For Y:* No. *For C:* No.

THE VERY IDEA, with Frank Craven (*RKO*)—Farce-comedy, the theme of which is based on the desire of a couple to have a baby. All talking. (U) (E) *For A:* Amusing of its type. *For Y:* Hardly suitable. *For C:* No.

THE VILLAGE OF SIN, with Russian cast (*Amkino*)—This film is entertaining, not only because of the unusual and beautiful settings, interesting and informative to us, but also because of an interesting theme containing subtle propoganda for the new Russian standards and ideals of life. It is admirably presented and acted, but is suitable for mature audiences only. Silent. (U) *For A:* Very interesting. *For Y:* Too mature. *For C:* Too mature.

THE WAGON MASTER, with Ken Maynard (*Universal*)—Western melodrama concerning the difficulties and dangers of wagon freighting into mining camps in early days. The possibilities for an excellent picture were destroyed by the director who allowed historical and legitimate interest to be waylaid and exaggerated a prolonged dance hall brawl. Part talking. (U) (E) *For A:* Hardly. *For Y:* Very doubtful. *For C:* No.

WELCOME DANGER, with Harold Lloyd (*Paramount*)—An hilariously jolly comedy which has a mystery to be solved in thrilling fashion All talking. (U) *for A:* Highly entertaining. *For Y:* Excellent. *For C:* Exciting.

WISE GIRLS, with Elliott Nugent (*M-G-M*)—A misleading title for a theme which is based on unhappy and ugly family relationships and relieved by humor which is in bad taste. All talking. (U) *For A:* No. *For Y:* No. *For C:* No.

WOMAN TRAP, with Hal Skelly (*Paramount*)—Senseless title for a labored police-and-crime melodrama of two brothers, one a detective and one a criminal, and a girl (well played by Evelyn Brent). Glorifies thuggery, without a single person of real character in the cast. Sympathy mainly with the criminals. Tough English spoken out of the corners of mouths, etc. All talking. (E) *For A:* Hardly. *For Y:* Better not. *For C:* No.

WORDS AND MUSIC, with Lois Moran (*Fox*)—Highly entertaining musical comedy of a clean, refreshing type which somehow maintains the illusion of college atmosphere. All talking and music. (U) (E) *For A:* Good of its kind. *For Y:* Excellent. *For C:* Good.

THE WRECKER, with Carlyle Blackwell (*Tiffany*)—An old-fashioned thriller-melodrama made in England—with much violent action, railroad wrecks, and heavy villiany. Silent. (E) *For A:* Hardly. *For Y:* Hardly. *For C:* No.

Leaflets, Pamphlets and Books

Published by THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, 255 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

For Group Leaders

Program on Child Training—Subjects to be discussed at P. T. A., Mothers' Clubs and Child Study Group meetings. Free.

Group Study for Parents—Suggestions on organization and interesting meetings. Free.

Parents Know Your Job—An inspiring poem by Berton Braley. Useful in stimulating interest. Free.

An Important Message to Groups—Containing a practical plan to provide money for worthwhile causes. Free.

Pamphlets

How to Adopt a Child—How to select the right child for you; the methods of adopting a child; a list of reliable agencies through which they may be adopted and information on the rearing of adopted children. 25c.

Choosing the School—Questions parents should ask when choosing a school. A school catechism and a bibliography on educational methods. 10c.

Choosing the Camp—Questions parents should ask when choosing a camp. Including a camp catechism and a bibliography on camps and camping. 10c.

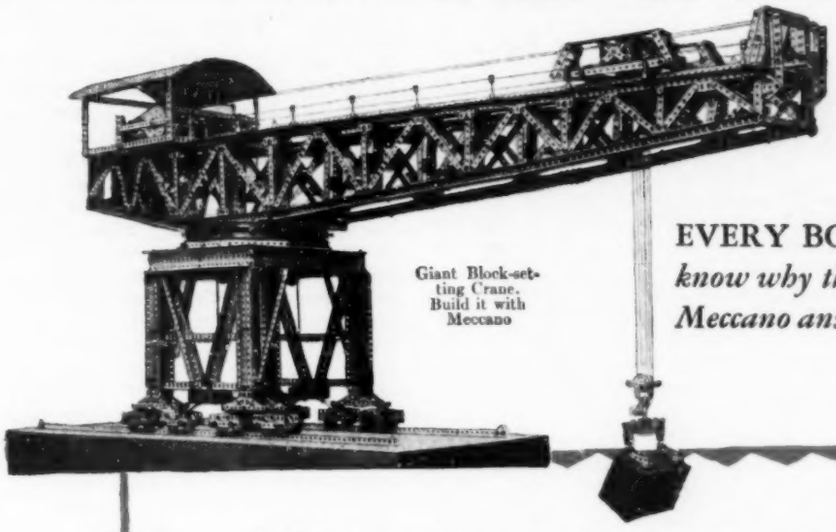
Books

A Doctor's Letters to Expectant Parents—A helpful book treating the psychological side of pregnancy as well as the physical. Invaluable to both mothers and fathers-to-be. Containing 18 letters—two for each of the prenatal months. $1.75.

If Parents Only Knew—What the modern school is doing for the child and how the home can help. Health, Recreation, Citizenship, Character Training and Choice of Vocation are among the subjects. $1.75.

The Modern Baby Book and Child Development Record—A unique book in which to record the development of children from birth to 16 years. It combines the charm and sentimental features of the old-fashioned baby book with the scientific records prepared by two of the foremost child specialists. Contains a detailed description of the development of normal children. Enables you to compare your child's development with the "average" child and with other children. The book comes in a box containing a handy file for photographs, letters, school report cards and other mementos you wish to preserve. An ideal gift to the mother of a new baby. The regular edition in pink or blue binding—$5.00. De luxe edition in half leather in either color—$10.00.

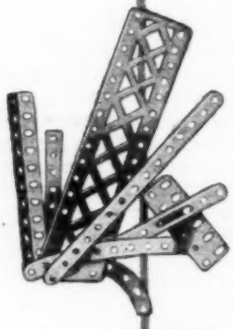
Boys! here's a Million Dollars worth of FUN!



Giant Block-setting Crane. Build it with Meccano

EVERY BOY ***likes to see, and know why the wheels go round, Meccano answers every question.***

Self-operating Jib Crane Build it with Meccano



IT'S dead easy making models with Meccano. There are more than 200 accurately machined parts—a part for every purpose—of sturdy steel strips, with holes every half-inch apart; Brass Pulleys, Gears, Girders, Axle Rods, Couplings, Nuts and Bolts, Miniature *Dunlop Rubber Tires* and a host of other parts forming a perfectly interchangeable mechanical system.

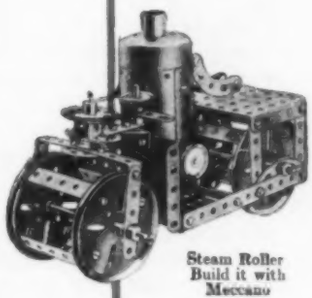
There is simply no end of fun with it, building models from the simplest to the most advanced, including every mechanical invention known to the engineering world. They all work like the real thing. What's more, these models actually operate when hooked up with the powerful *Meccano electric motor*, which comes with outfits No. 5 and Nos. 20 to 70.

If you want to become a famous Engineer, commence now. All models illustrated in our manuals are built on correct engineering principles.

FREE—The big Meccano booklet for boy engineers tells all about Meccano in words and pictures. You can have your copy *free*, merely by sending the names and addresses of three of your pals. Write them on a post card, with your name and address. Meccano Company, Inc., Dept. **C-1,** Elizabeth, N.J.

MECCANO OUTFITS				
No. 0	Makes	472	Models	$1.50
No. 10	"	727	"	3.50
No. 5	"	496	"	5.00
No. 20	"	737	"	7.50
No. 30	"	785	"	10.00
No. 40	"	836	"	15.00
No. 50	"	893	"	25.00
No. 60	"	936	"	35.00
No. 70	"	983	"	55.00

Trans-Atlantic Monoplane Build it with Meccano



Steam Roller Build it with Meccano

MECCANO

TOY ENGINEERING FOR BOYS

Real miniature Dunlop Tires. For Meccano automobiles. With Outfits No. 5 and Nos. 20 to 70

Realistic Automobile Chassis Build it with Meccano

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

Sunlight's Benefits - now always available

With the new Westinghouse Sun Lamp, sunlight's ultra-violet rays are as safely and easily obtained as electric light

Just snap the switch—and, immediately, you have at your command the benefits of warm summer sunlight anywhere within your home!

The new Westinghouse Sun Lamp produces ultra-violet rays the same as those in sunlight itself. Safe and simple to operate—requires absolutely no adjusting. It gives off beneficial rays from an incandescent bulb that looks like an ordinary MAZDA lamp. Children playing in its rays receive all the benefits of a natural sunbath, and at the same time acquire a healthy tan.

Here is a worthwhile Christmas present for your whole family! An effective way to enjoy sunlight indoors—a decorative asset in any room—and the price is only $69.50 at the factory.

See the Westinghouse Sun Lamp at your local department store, electrical shop or public utility showroom. Convenient time payments if you wish. Order *now*.

Westinghouse
SUN LAMP

made by the makers of Westinghouse MAZDA lamps

Pointers for Parents

Practical Suggestion Submitted by Readers

DURING THE WINTER THE BOYS MUST PLAY in the living and dining room, and in order to avoid scratched floors and furniture I find it an immense help to provide them with tennis shoes for the house.—*Mrs. C. R. B., Alameda, Calif.*

A New Cup for Baby

WE HAVE FOUND A MEASURING CUP of oven glass a great convenience in warming the baby's milk. The cup can be sterilized by boiling, can be set in hot water and filled with cold milk to heat, and is marked in ounces so that the amount the baby takes can be accurately measured. The cup flares upward so that it is easy to get nearly all the milk by spoonfuls, or if your baby prefers to drink from his own cup, the spout of the measuring cup turns it into a satisfactory pitcher.—*Mrs. S. B. V., Roselle, N. J.*

First Aid to Santa Claus

A FEW DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS we take away from the nursery all the doll and nursery furniture that looks worn, the scooter that has lost a wheel and the doll who has lost an arm. These we repair and paint and decorate. Christmas morning there are more shrieks of delight over some old toy in a new guise than over the new ones. And it costs so little for the pleasure it gives.—*Mrs. C. V. B., Oakland, Calif.*

A Gas Saver

I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT POTATOES WILL BAKE VERY NICELY on the ledge just inside the furnace door in many furnaces. It takes from one to one and one-half hours according to the size of the potato and intensity of heat. They need to be turned possibly once. My children get more baked potatoes since I found this way of baking them. —*Mrs. R. T. D., Whiting, Ind.*

Quick Lunch

WITH THREE SCHOOL LUNCHES TO PUT UP, we find our supply bag convenient. It consists of a piece of stout cloth tacked on the inside of the pantry door. Within, three sheets of folded cardboard form compartments to hold paper napkins, sandwich papers and small paper bags. These last I buy by the hundred from the stationer's. They also sell a roll of heavy oil paper with a metal cutting edge. I cut a large supply at a time and put them in the bag. Then it takes but a moment to collect the things needed for wrapping a lunch neatly and securely. The children buy their milk at school so they do not have to carry that. We also use the wrappers from our bread as far as they will go. A wrapper carefully removed and cut into four pieces makes just the right size for a sandwich or cooky.—*Mrs. M. B. W., Washington, D. C.*

Turn About

MANY MOTHERS LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN with a high-school or even younger girl while they are out in the evening. As I never felt it safe to do this, and couldn't afford to hire a competent person, weeks and sometimes months went by without my attending any form of entertainment with my husband. One afternoon a friend and I were discussing the situation, when an idea popped into my head. Since then one evening a week I leave my husband with our youngsters and I stay with my friend's children while she and her husband go out. And once a week, they return the favor. Many of our acquaintances have adopted the idea.—*Mrs. A. C., Warren, Me.*

Fair Exchange

THE CHILDREN'S INDEBTEDNESS to their wealthier friends has troubled me. Although I try to have them avoid accepting invitations that they cannot repay in kind, this cannot always be done graciously. At last I feel that I have found a way to return even these invitations. I invite my children and all their friends to go with me to some industrial plant or educational exhibit. The telephone exchange, any big factory, a dairy or milk-bottling business, an enterprising laundry or a children's museum all suggest profitable excursions.—*H. B. S., Maplewood, N. J.*

A Pen for the Baby

AN IMPROVISED KIDDIE PEN made from a large packing-box gave me much comfort when my child was little. Two long sides and the top were removed from the box and wire screen was substituted for the two sides. Four blocks were nailed on for legs and casters placed in them, so that it could be moved from place to place. A blanket was kept in the bottom. It cost me about one dollar for material.—*Mrs. W. R. P., Gilroy, Calif.*

If you have practical suggestions that would be helpful to others, tell them to us briefly. For every suggestion accepted one dollar will be paid on publication. Unaccepted contributions to this department will not be returned. Address Managing Editor, THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, *255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.*

A Challenge to Parent Teacher Associations

(*Continued from page 23*)

equipment that will develop brawn and keep the children interested during recesses. If you can see your way clear to paying the expenses of an instructor to supervise play during the summer vacation, that will be a star in your crown. For there is no more worth-while endeavor than keeping the children well employed during vacation days that so soon begin to pall.

In one village the Parent-Teacher Association has equipped the school with a splendid radio. A radio becomes an instrument of the devil when it bawls the latest jazz song while children are attempting to do their homework at night, but in its proper place it is an influence for good. It offers opportunity for the study of appreciation of music, a vivid account of historic events, and diversion and relaxation when they are advisable.

The list of purposes for which money is needed (but not forthcoming from the school board) is endless. It includes motion picture machines, special teachers' salaries, prizes to stimulate scholarship. In some cases Parent-Teacher Association funds pay the principal's rent, janitor service and for the installation of oil stoves.

WHEREVER the size of the association permits, its division into groups is highly desirable. In any school there are problems that concern all parents, whether their children are kindergartners or high school seniors; for the discussion of these questions there are general meetings of the entire parent-teacher body. Always, however, there are a great number of interests that belong to one particular age-group. In Council Bluffs, Iowa, for instance, pre-school study circles are organized by the Parent-Teacher Associations. At last official report there were twelve.

In the State of Iowa, according to the report of Mrs. B. C. Hopkins, state president, there are 128 pre-school study circles organized under the auspices of Parent-Teacher Associations. The membership includes not only the mothers of children under six, but expectant mothers, recently married women, and far-seeing girls who are wearing solitaires and preparing for wifehood!

Authorities agree that it is in these groups that the most effective work can be done. One of the maddest teachers I ever saw had just heard the mother of a four-year-old say: "I just can't do a thing about disciplining Mary; she flies into a tantrum if I try to. But I'm not worrying. Next year she'll be in kindergarten and the teacher can teach her how to behave!"

That's not the teacher's job! She has her work cut out for her, training stubby fingers to hold a pencil and initiating first-graders into the mysteries of reading. If she has to teach her pupils how to behave, she cannot possibly do justice to the work on the

(*Turn to next page*)

Mother! Be Sure

Your Baby Gets This Protection

Kindly Accept Liberal Size Cake of This* CERTIFIED *Soap Creation So Many Mothers Are Asking About, To Try

A Scientific Creation That Throws an Entirely New Light on Bathing Babies

THE editor of a world-famed baby publication recently said any mother who failed to accept the test offered here was doing her baby an injustice.

For your baby's sake, and your own, please accept it. Mail the coupon and a liberal size cake of the first scientifically CERTIFIED baby soap will be sent you free.

This creation brings to baby's soap the *safety* that CERTIFIED brings to milk. What it brings in comfort to your baby will amaze you.

It comes from a soap laboratory of international importance. Its name is Stork Soap. It is one of the few soaps in the world that is made from virgin olive and vegetable oils, then superfatted—and that is CERTIFIED as such. Thus it is gentle beyond words.

Developed to Overcome a Grave Injustice

It was developed largely on the request of doctors to protect mothers from a grave injustice practiced in calling alkaline soaps "non-irritating" and "safe". *For soaps were called gentle that were not;* harsh soaps, caustic soaps, soaps irritant to baby skins.

Mothers thus were at a loss as to which soaps were safe for their babies and which were not. All looked alike, smelled alike, *seemed* alike. Some were good, some were not. Mothers had no way of knowing.

To meet that situation this CERTIFIED Baby Soap was developed—and the brand name of Stork given it—so that mothers could be protected in their buying.

Soon it became the leading Baby Soap of the world. *Virtually every noted baby doctor in America endorses it.* Leading hospitals employ it. Great baby experts urge its use to the exclusion of all other soaps. It comes in individually single cakes—easy to use.

Accept Free Cake

To place it now in the hands of every mother, a liberal size cake will be sent postpaid to try. Just mail the coupon. Clip it now before you forget. Don't deny your baby the finest science knows.

LIBERAL SIZE CAKE *and* BOOK *"How Best to Bathe Baby"* **FREE**

STORK SOAP *Certified*

132-R

LUXOR LIMITED, Dept. C-134
1355 West 31st Street, Chicago, Illinois

Please send me free one liberal size cake of Stork Soap and the booklet "How Best to Bathe Baby."

Name.....

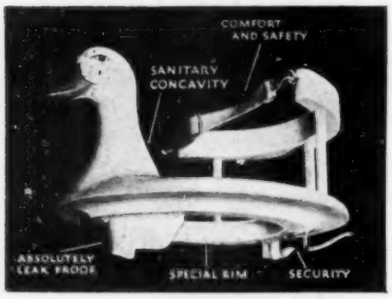
Address.....

City..... *State*.....

SEND ME FREE CAKE OF STORK

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

GIVE HEALTH ...FOR XMAS!



No baby should be deprived of the benefit to be obtained through the use of Doo-Tee..and every mother needs Doo-Tee's assistance.

- Doo-Tee's sanitary concavity reverts all water *into the bowl.* Just one of its many features.
- Doo-Tee forms hygienic habits, teaching the baby posture and regularity. Specialists everywhere are recommending Doo-Tee because it solves the problem of self-handling.

SEND IN YOUR CHRISTMAS ORDER TODAY!

DOO-TEE

Sold by Leading Department & Baby Stores

DOO-TEE CORPORATION
615-23rd Avenue · Oakland, California

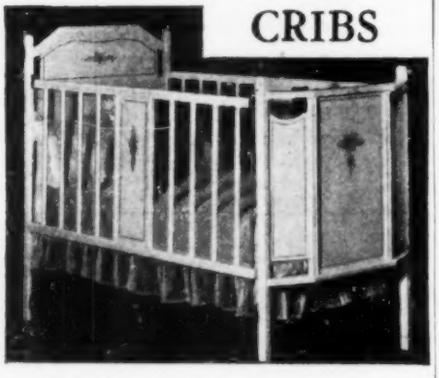
Enclosed find check to the amount of $4.95, for which you will ship one Doo-Tee Infant Trainer. Check color desired: Pink ☐ Blue ☐ White ☐

Name _____

Address _____

Now in wood also

SIMMONS CRIBS



NOW you can get Simmons Cribs in wood! Enamelled in a choice of dainty colors—several charming designs. Scientifically built for comfort! Safe, washable, durable, adjustable, firm, noiseless. From $17.00 to $45.00. Illustrated, No. 21075, $32.75. Beautyrest Mattress to order.

A perfect gift for baby's Christmas!

©1929, The Simmons Co.

A Challenge to Parent-Teacher Associations

(Continued from page 61)

curriculum. The Pre-school Study Circle is important because it lays the foundation for the school work of years to come; it teaches mothers how to produce fertile material for the school to work upon. Similarly, groups of parents of older children study their particular problems.

If the state is sending a lecturer on sex hygiene to your school to address the pupils, your Parent-Teacher Association will do well to arrange a meeting at which this lecturer may talk to mothers. The schoolroom is no place to teach sex hygiene, many a parent will protest. Nine chances out of ten, the lecturer will meet that argument with this one: "We know that the home is the correct place for discussion of this subject. But parents have not permitted it there. They have shied away from it entirely, or else they have touched on it so lightly as to do the children little good. In an ideal state, where parents are thoroughly educated to their duties, it will not be necessary to take up this subject in the schools. But until that day comes, it is our duty to do so."

Much of the objection to the giving of sex hygiene instruction in school will be dispelled if you arrange for the mothers to meet the lecturer, hear what she is going to tell their children and get her point of view on why she has been sent to the school.

How are we going to get our sixteen-year-olds to bed early when their companions go nightly to the movies, returning home around 11 o'clock? Are chaperones to be discarded entirely? What about silk stockings, spike heels, lipstick and rouge . . . can mothers, by concerted action, eliminate them during school hours? Are we going to send our children to college simply because it is the thing to do? Or wouldn't it be better to let the mechanically-minded boy be a successful automobile repair man rather than force him into a white-collar profession for which he is not fitted? These are just a few fleeting topics that suggest themselves as subjects of study for the high school Parent-Teacher Association. Certainly no age-group affords more stimulating material for programs than this!

OF all the activities in which parent-teacher groups are engaging, none assumes greater proportions every year than the Summer Round-up. Bringing the children who are just entering school up to par physically, it is generally conceded to be an unmitigated good. In the late spring or early summer, there is a campaign to round up all children who will enter the first grade in the fall. They are examined for physical defects and every effort is made to have such defects corrected before school opens.

While the round-up has particular interest for the mothers of prospective first-graders, it has significance, also, for the whole community, for, over a

Why your baby's doctor approves

PYREX Nursing Bottles

Won't break in boiling water

Won't break in cooling

BABY'S DOCTOR has emphasized to you the need of absolute feeding regularity in keeping baby's digestion functioning perfectly, and in keeping his nervous system calm.

Upsets in baby's regime, due to breaking bottles, are prevented when Pyrex Nursing Bottles are used. Quick changes from refrigerator to hot water will not break them. A hot Pyrex bottle will not crack when held under the cold-water faucet.

Physicians suggested the design of this easily sterilized, boil-proof bottle:

6-sided—so that baby can hold it easily. The inside is rounded off broadly, making it very easy to clean.

Flat-bottomed—to stand firmly.

Ounces and half-ounces are plainly marked.

The two shapes that baby specialists approve—narrow neck and wide mouth—both in 8-ounce size.

Get enough Pyrex Nursing Bottles for a full day's feeding, from your druggist. They are made by the makers of Pyrex ovenware. Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y.

Trade-Mark "PYREX" Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

Here Is Your Big Chance To Get That Old Photo Copied and Enlarged for Only

$1.00

For a limited time only we are offering a beautiful enlargement up to 16 by 20 inches of any photo. Just send us any picture you wish enlarged: snapshots, groups, etc. and we will send you within a week an accurate enlargement more beautiful than the original. These pictures enable you to preserve loved memories and make priceless gifts. When ordering, specify size you wish.

DON'T DELAY—DO IT NOW

PARAMOUNT MFG. CO.
Dept. H-201 Boston, Mass.

You Can Be Sure of These DOUBLE-TIPPED

SWABS

. . . sure that they are clean, safe and sanitary, for they are packed in dustproof cellophane covered boxes and the sterilized cotton twists are dipped in boric acid. Use to cleanse baby's nose, ears, eyes and navel. 100 other uses. Endorsed by physicians. 25c and 50c everywhere, or write Dept. 21, Q-TIPS, Inc., 32 East 31st Street, New York.

Q-TIPS BABY GAYS

period of years, it lessens the burden of school taxation. Countless children who would miss days and weeks from their classes, perhaps dropping back a semester or a full year, are saved that unhappy destiny. In the upper grades today, hundreds of boys and girls are being labeled stupid who actually are handicapped by unrecognized physical defects. All such cases the Summer Round-up aims to discover and remedy in the earliest stages, saving the child ignominy, and at the same time cutting down the per capita expense of financing the school. For when a child is kept in school nine years instead of eight, the additional cost naturally is spread among the taxpayers.

THE round-up can be conducted on a simple or an elaborate scale, according to the facilities and the funds available. The organization that is strong and in good financial condition can hire physicians and nurses who are specialists in this work. The concerted efforts of the members of a powerful association can be applied to making the round-up 100 per cent perfect, for among them they can see that every child who will enter school in the fall is examined.

That, of course, is only half the battle. Unless remedial measures are taken when defects are discovered, the examination will be useless. The willing parent, on learning that Johnny's tonsils are badly infected, will march him to the hospital without delay. But some parents aren't willing. Their attitude is resentful when they learn that their children are not paragons of perfection. They're funny that way!

Influence must then be brought to bear to see that the necessary treatment is given where it is needed. This can be done either by volunteer (but tactful) committees, or by the trained workers who will follow the case until the child who needs attention has received it and is ready to enter the first grade with a clean bill of health.

Where it is not possible to conduct the round-up on strictly businesslike and scientific lines, a less elaborate program can be followed to good effect. If outside doctors (always more impressive than those of local fame) cannot be secured because of lack of funds, it is wise to have doctors from neighboring towns work on an exchange basis. This often is done simply for the psychological effect of the strange doctor upon the children whom he examines and upon their parents!

Even if you have no means for compelling the follow-up treatment, without which the examination is futile, the number of parents who accede to its suggestions makes the round-up well worth while.

In 1928 the Summer Round-up was conducted by 2567 associations in 43 states; the number of associations that conducted round-ups during the summer just past will undoubtedly exceed that of last year.

The maintenance of students' loan funds for financially handicapped children is a worthy effort toward which

(*Turn to next page*)

PYNLESS DIAPERS—*No Fitting . . No Folding . . No Pinning*
ADJUSTABLE TO ALL SIZES

Your Baby . . .

should be comfortable and happy at all times.

A diaper without pins! Simply put it on and button it. The Pynless Diaper is easily adjusted as your baby grows. It is neatly tailored and does away with the clumsy lumps of the old-fashioned diaper, which often causes bow-legs.

Recommended by Doctors and Nurses as a sanitary and comfortable diaper—completely eliminating the chances of infection from dangerous safety pins.

Infants Underwear Corp. **"PYNLESS" DIAPER** 132 West 27th St. New York

FRESH VEGETABLES
...for baby *all winter!*

VEGETIZED
Sun-ripened TOMATO in POWDER form

Solves the problem of strained-vegetable feeding for infants and children. Only the water is removed by the famous Vegetization Process from finest sun-ripe tomatoes. All the vitamins and mineral salts remain unchanged. (Report of authoritative biological feeding test by leading laboratory on request). Delicious, natural flavor. Easily and quickly prepared into purees, and other dishes. Economical, no spoilage, no waste. Will keep indefinitely! Approved by leading physicians and dietetic authorities.

Dealers: Write for details

VEGETIZED FOODS, INC.
515 Union Ins. Bldg., Los Angeles

We take only the water from juicy, sun-ripened tomatoes . . . the remainder is milled to a fine powder, rich in vitamins and body-building mineral salts . . .

...which is easily and quickly made into tasty dishes which children eat eagerly!

(See Vegetized Spinach adv. on page 91

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER
4 oz. Can *(equal to 4 lbs.)* VEGETIZED TOMATO
4 oz. Can *(equal to 4 lbs.)* VEGETIZED SPINACH
BOOK of 50 TESTED RECIPES **$1.00** *postpaid*

A Bouncing World for Christmas— GARRIGLOBE!

Inflate it just like a basketball. At playtime the children love to bounce and toss it around. Durable and waterproof it will stand real punishment. Garriglobe is an ideal ball for play as well as a faultless globe map. Bright, colorful, 12 inches in diameter. Drawn by Commander Byrd's map-man, it is up to the minute, accurate and human.

Comes in attractive, compact box, with simple folding stand. $3.75 postpaid. An ideal gift—that every child will learn from and enjoy for many, many a day.

Garrigue Globe Corp., 49 (G) West 3rd St., N. Y. C.
☐ Enclosed is $3.75 for a Garriglobe No. 3.
☐ Please send me more information.
Name .....
Address .....

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

Size, 30½ inches high, 31 inches deep, 26 inches wide

Just Like Mother's

. . . a little girl-size kitchen cabinet that isn't a make-believe . . . a *real* cabinet 40 inches high, sturdily built by the makers of the famous Kitchen Maid Equipment.

It has shelves for cups, saucers and plates . . . a glistening porcelain table top . . . a fascinating roll front which easily rolls up and down . . . space for pans and bowls, and the whatnots of a well-appointed kitchen. "Just like mother," the little housekeeper will learn as she uses this cabinet that there is a "place for everything."

Why not surprise your little girl at Christmas with this cunning cabinet? It will give her years of playday happiness. Your choice of colors . . . ivory with green trim, green with ivory trim, or plain white.

NEW

With the same idea which prompted the manufacture of the Playroom Kitchen Cabinet . . . "Playthings That Build Character" . . . this new Doll House was developed. An amazingly realistic all-wood home for your little girl's doll family, built to last for years. Has brick-like outside walls in red and patterned green shingles . . . finished inside walls, a cozy fireplace and a tiny kitchen cabinet. Mounted on legs so the child need not sit on the floor while playing.

Send No Money *If your dealer can't supply you, simply fill in and send the order slip below. The cabinet or doll house will be sent you by express. You pay on delivery, plus a slight shipping charge. Your money refunded if you are not completely satisfied.*

MAIL THIS

PLAYROOM EQUIPMENT CO., 1814 Tribune Tower, Chicago, Ill.

☐ Enclosed is $..... for which send item checked. ☐ Send item C. O. D.
☐ Kitchen Cabinet ($12.00). ☐ Green; Ivory Trim. ☐ Ivory; Green Trim. ☐ White. (If color is not specified, white will be shipped.)
☐ Doll House ($17.00).

Name.....

Address.....

MOTHERS! —that ONE disagreeable laundering problem for baby - - Solved!

The E-Z DIAPER CLEANER is saving mothers many repulsive moments daily. Now, the old-fashioned way of performing a necessary, but unpleasant, duty is an effort of the past. No hard rubbing, wet hands and receptacles to clean afterward. Just a few seconds and the cleaning task is easily and sanitarily finished.

Simply insert pan in toilet bowl—slip on faucet attachment—clamp diaper on pan—turn on water, using brush for thorough cleaning.

Approved by hospitals, doctors and child clinics. A boon to mothers, laundresses and nursemaids. You will wonder why you had not possessed this comforting appliance sooner.

Patents pending

Price Prepaid $6.50 (50c Extra West of Rockies)

SATISFACTION OR MONEY BACK
If it does not prove itself a necessity we will gladly refund your money.

E-Z CLEANER CO., 506 Globe Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

A Challenge to Parent-Teacher Associations

(*Continued from page 63*)

Parent-Teacher Associations in many states have devoted themselves. Methods of handling the details vary widely, according to locale. As a general rule, each community raises and administers its own funds but the State and National chairmen of students' loan funds committees give advice and promote the movement. The object usually is to provide for higher education, only graduates of high schools being eligible to borrow money. In some cases, however, such funds are used to keep boys and girls in high school who otherwise would be compelled to leave school for work at an early age. A government booklet on Parent-Teacher Associations cites two instances of miracles worked by such organizations.

"A few years ago," this booklet says, "Delaware was faced by a serious school situation and no response could be secured from the general public. A group of prominent citizens organized to promote a school-building program and, after considering many agencies, approached the president of the State Congress of Parents and Teachers with the request that she undertake the formation of a Parent-Teacher Association in every school in the state, with the object of placing before the public the educational needs of Delaware. At the end of four years, organization had been effected in about 90 per cent of the schools, and the new building program had been carried out."

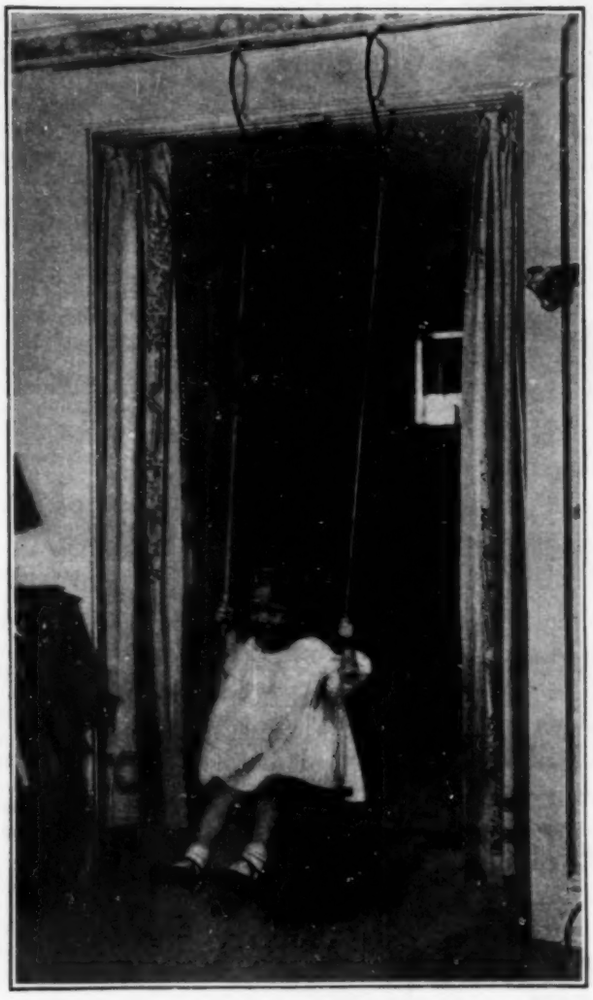
MRS. JOHN B. CLEAVER, who conducted the Delaware campaign, later was placed in charge of a similar project in North Dakota. The following list sets forth some of the results already achieved, as reported by the county superintendents:

School attendance improved; system of uniform text-books established; new buildings erected; playground equipment purchased; library books and pictures secured; warm noon lunch served; school grounds beautified; milk provided for undernourished children; dental clinics established; cases of tardiness lessened; health crusades sponsored; scholarships created; night schools established; kindergartens equipped; friendly relationships established between parents and teachers, thus making discipline easier for teachers and creating a stimulus for better work among students.

And this barely indicates the possibilities. So come on. Let's start a new Parent-Teacher Association today, or submit the defunct one to a treatment that will put fresh life into it. Let's show all the doubters and scoffers that a Parent-Teacher group has a field and a mission that belongs to no other organization.

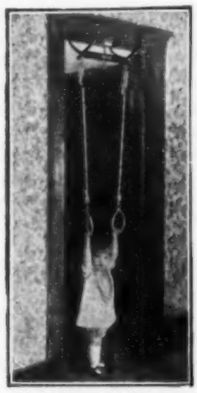
By attaining a plane of thorough understanding with the teachers who share with us the task of educating our children, we'll achieve a worthy end. We'll learn a lot, without question—and we'll have a heap of fun in the process!

YOU SHOULD GIVE THEM.



ALICE MARIE
ON
HER "BUSY KIDDIE" SWING

In Spite of the Curtain Slide the "Busy Kiddie" Hanger Grips Door Trim Firmly Without Leaving a Mark



The "Busy Kiddie" Flying Rings with Hanger

The "Busy Kiddie" Trapeze with Hanger

The Busy Kiddie
TRADE MARK

the most wonderfully entertaining toy for young children, boys and girls alike, especially when the weather is so bad that they can't go out.

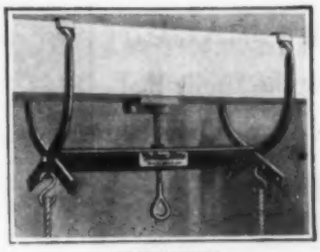
With a "BUSY KIDDIE"—the Doorway Gym—they will be perfectly happy though cooped up, housebound, in fact.

Swing, trapeze, flying rings and the patented Hanger constitute the "BUSY KIDDIE" Set, so it's quite complete. Just imagine, therefore, all the healthy fun and splendid exercise children can have as they vie with one another to do their very best stunts as every child loves to do.

Ideal as a Gift the Year Round

Beautifully illustrated folder free.

Sold by department and sporting goods stores, also direct.



PATENTED

The "Busy Kiddie" Hanger

It's patented, so there is nothing like it and the Hanger you see here is the very same shown in each of the other pictures.

Swing, trapeze and flying rings are all hung from this Hanger. It clamps over the trim of almost any door—an exclusive "BUSY KIDDIE" feature.

The Hanger which is tested to 350 lbs. is fastened or released by a few turns of the long screw.

The "BUSY KIDDIE" Hanger does away entirely with unsightly and treacherous screw eyes and it can be shifted from one doorway to another in a few minutes—anybody can do it.

STANDARD PRESSED STEEL CO.

BRANCHES
BOSTON
CHICAGO
DETROIT

JENKINTOWN, PENNA.
BOX 503

BRANCHES
NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO
ST. LOUIS

THRILLING TOYS
for Christmas

KINGSBURY "SILVER ARROW"

Launches by hand and also "taxies" over the ground and "takes off." Flies over housetops, diving and banking in long, continuous flight. Not a construction toy, but a fully built plane. A few moments to assemble and she's ready to fly. Made of light Balsa wood. Aluminum reinforcements. Aluminum propeller. Strong elastic motor. Model 21, Cabin Type, 22-in. wing spread, $2.50 (West of Miss. $2.75). Racing models No. 1, 18" wing spread, $1.00. No. 2, 26" wing spread, $2.00 ($1.10 and $2.20 West of Miss).

KINGSBURY "GOLDEN ARROW"

Exact 21-inch copy of Major Segrave's famous car that broke the world's record at 231.5 miles per hour. Approved and autographed by the driver himself. Life-like in every detail. Built all of steel. Bright gold bronze finish like original. Extra powerful clock-steel racing motor. Real Dunlop Rubber Tires. $3.00. (West of Miss. $3.30.) Sunbeam and bluebird racers also $3.00 each.

KINGSBURY MONOPLANE

This 12-inch plane is equipped with a strong clock-spring motor that sends it swiftly "taxiing" round and round the floor with propeller spinning. Bright gold body and gleaming silver wing, blue propeller and bright red disc wheels with rubber tires. Built of metal to stand knocks. $1.25. (West of Miss. $1.40.)

KINGSBURY TRACTOR

A toy "caterpillar" tractor that acts for all the world like a real one. Powerful clock spring motor sends it over all sorts of obstacles, even when hauling heavy loads. Built of steel and handsomely finished in colored enamel. Length 8 in., $2.75. Equipped with trailer, total length 18 in., $3.00. (West of Miss. 10% higher.)

Toys so life-like they seem turned small by magic. Toys that act like the real thing come to life. Toys that last. Good toys. Kingsbury Toys. If your dealer hasn't got them, order direct. Kingsbury Mfg. Co., 94-M Myrtle St., Keene, N. H.

FREE! NEW CATALOG

showing more than 40 of the most interesting toys for boys and girls ever made. Send for your copy today.

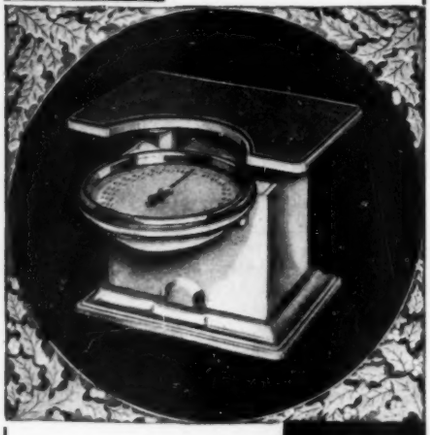
ONLY 10c

Send 10c for this novel eraser. It's a steel disc wheel from a Kingsbury toy with a "balloon" tire of solid eraser rubber. Set of four, 35c.

KINGSBURY MOTOR DRIVEN TOYS

DETECTO
WATCHES YOUR WEIGHT

An IDEAL Gift
for the family that has growing children



In more than a quarter of a million American homes Detecto is helping mothers rear healthy, sturdy children. Start the New Year right by bringing this fine little monitor into your home. Three models, six colors.

Detecto-Junior	$ 8.75
Detecto-Ace	10.75
Detecto-Royal	14.75

At all good stores, or direct from the Jacobs Bros. Co., Inc., Dept. 6, 318 Greenwich Street, N. Y. C.

ALL THE CHRISTMAS PLEASURES

THEY'RE ALL here at Chalfonte-Haddon Hall—those time-honored Christmas pleasures. Carols to awaken you, a filled stocking for every child, gifts for the ladies—and a turkey to your own family, at your own table, the attention of your own interested waitress—just as at home. Also, sun rooms and card rooms, Sandy Cove, the playroom for children, and deck chairs overlooking the ocean. Everything for a comfortable, merry Christmas. Make it a family party for the whole week. Write for rates and literature. A Motoramp garage adjoins the hotel.

CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL
ATLANTIC CITY

American and European Plans

Leeds and Lippincott Company

How the Hoovers Brought Up Their Boys

(*Continued from page 25*)

industry. For instance, they carried grade meters, and the boys adapted altimeters and other instruments from airplanes for use in the California hills and mountains. The concern in their father's heart was not of their having too much fun, but of their being over-supplied with the luxuries which induce indolence and dry up talents.

The guests in the various homes of the Hoovers round the world would furnish a fairly liberal education to any impressionable person. And it was all "source" material. Active and effective people from all corners of the earth foregathered under that ubiquitous roof literally from Nome to Singapore. Doers and thinkers, professional and business men and women, scientists, explorers, correspondents—these were the people who naturally were attracted by the Hoovers. The South Seas of Conrad, the North of Jack London, the Balkans of National Geographic students, the Western front of the war correspondents—all these became real at the Hoover dinner table. Wisely the Hoover boys were not sent from the room. Let those parents who wish to paint a moral to their own children tell them that the reason this practice was possible lay in the fact that young Herbert and Allan Hoover never were tempted to claim the spotlight of attention. For it was a real privilege not to be noticed and seldom to be heard where they could listen to more first-hand stories of contemporaneous adventure than most boys may hope to read in a lifetime. The reward of good behavior was the rare chance to absorb the stores of information these gifted guests brought, flavored with their own personalities.

BUT don't make seraphim out of the Hoover youngsters to your children. They were the sort who will be boys. Allan's home-made motor car is said to have been provided with an exhaust which resounded through the Stanford campus like a thousand horsepower racing machine. Herbert's scout troop outdistanced all others in the country by several million dollars when it came to selling Liberty Bonds. In such a connection, however, it should be stressed in fairness to Herbert that he is a true heir of American independence. He has made a real fight to get along without the use of his father's name or of wealthy and powerful friends. At the Harvard business school, which he attended after graduating from Stanford, students are expected to find work for themselves in the summer. He used only his initials—fortunately for his purpose, there are lots of Hoovers—and gave as a reference the superintendent of a paper mill where he had been working. Later he became an instructor in the Harvard business school and then undertook a survey of the economics of aviation on a fellowship awarded there by the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the promotion of aeronautics. His growing up has closely

coincided with wireless and radio and he has followed their every development with acute interest. Now he has a collection of radio receiving instruments showing every advance in radio history and varying in size from those small enough to be held in the palm of the hand to large cabinets. It is this interest which now has led to his appointment by Western Air Express as radio expert to supervise the installation and operation of radio equipment at its stations and on its planes.

It would be unfair to both boys to predict that their extraordinarily fortunate upbringing would make supermen of them or that either should walk in his father's footsteps. Men of Herbert Hoover's stature are extraordinary products of a whole generation and not of one family. But it is fair and just to say that these young men have met the difficulties as well as the advantages of being their father's sons in a way that is worthy of the great care and intelligent love their parents have given them.

Christmas Gifts for the Children

(*Continued from page* 19)

one reason being because their interest span is brief. Every adult who has watched a child playing notices how he turns from one play situation to another, quickly exhausting the possibilities of each. A balanced variety of playthings allows for different kinds of play activities, grouped, for convenience, into five divisions. There is equipment for physical exercise and outdoor play, for dramatic play and imitation of adult activities, for constructive and creative play, games and puzzles for mental play, and material for musical and rhythmic activities. By considering a few representative toys in each group, we arrive at a better understanding of why we select the particular type.

IT IS often because a child is not permitted sufficiently broad and varied physical activities that he becomes annoying or destructive indoors. Billy bounces up and down on his bed-spring; Margaret makes a slide of the living-room arm-chair. Children want to romp, jump and tumble on furniture, to the annoyance of adults in the household. In supplying them with equipment that involves physical activity, educators indicate that taking a walk, or playing sidewalk chalk games does not offer sufficient exercise nor proper outlet for children's energies. For instance, pediatrists point out that the upper part of a child's body is seldom as well developed as the lower. He develops his leg muscles in walking, running, jumping and skating, but to develop the upper portion he needs to climb, to swing, to hang by his hands—normal activities often prohibited the city child.

But there are now on the market particularly worth-while forms of outdoor and indoor exercise equipment which are helps to well-rounded development.

(*Turn to next page*)

BRUNSWICK JUNIOR PLAYMATE

$7.50

Size 22½ x 42½ inches

Five Other Sizes

$13.50 to $100.00

Prices Slightly Higher West of Denver and in Canada

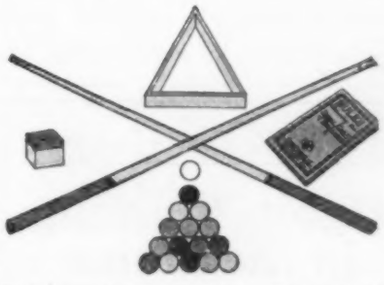
Make This Their Best Christmas

HERE is the greatest Christmas present you can give your children—a Brunswick Junior Playmate Billiard Table—made by the world's largest manufacturers of the standard Tables that you see in Y. M. C. A.'s, Clubs, Recreation Centers, etc. It is scientifically scaled down to fit a child's height and reach. Cues, Balls and Cushions have been built to exact proportions to give your youngsters proper playing conditions.

The Junior Playmate folds up flat. It is sturdily built—a beautiful Table—easily identified by its rich mahogany finish and the Brunswick trademark shown below.

BRUNSWICK JUNIOR PLAYMATE

Every Brunswick Junior Playmate, whatever its size or price, is equipped with two Cues, a cube of Cue Chalk, a regulation Rack, fifteen colored and numbered Pocket Billiard Balls, a White Cue Ball or Shooter, and a Book containing all the Rules and directions for the many games that can be played on the Brunswick Junior Playmate Billiard Table.



Give your children a Junior Playmate this Christmas. Mail the coupon below for a Catalog showing the various sizes of Brunswick Junior Playmate Billiard Tables, as well as many other specially designed Brunswick Home Tables.

THIS BOOK IS FREE!

SEND FOR IT TODAY!

THE BRUNSWICK-BALKE-COLLENDER CO.,
Dept. 166, 623-633 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Please send me free copy of the Brunswick Junior Playmate Billiard Table Catalog, also the Name and Address of the nearest Brunswick Dealer.

Name.....

Street Address or R.F.D.....

City.....State.....

BUDDY SNOW SKATES

A "Falcon" Product

A Wonderful Christmas Gift

$1.75 a pair

Loads of Fun

Loads of fun for the little tots—perfectly safe—can be worn over rubbers—no wet feet. A wide concave steel runner on a wooden skate fastened with soft rawhide thongs. One size—to fit children from 3 to 10 years old. Can be used every day during the winter when there is snow on the ground.

American Mfg. Concern, Dept. AL
Falconer, N. Y.

Please send me, postpaid
☐ pair Buddy Snow Skates at $1.75

Enclosed is $_____ for above order; if not satisfactory you are to return the money.

Name_____

Street or R. F. D._____

City_____ State_____

NOTEWORTHY BOOKS FOR PARENTS has a representative selection of books particularly interesting to parents. Turn to page 77.

Behavior Problems of Children

Habit Training in the Home

Psychological Service—Advice on Schools

SELECTED GOVERNESSES UNDER SUPERVISION

Psychiatric Case Work—Visiting or Resident; Tutoring, etc.

A Service Without Geographical Limitations for All Children, Normal or Handicapped

ASSOCIATED GUIDANCE BUREAU, INC.

JESS PERLMAN, Director

Consultation by Appointment

ONE EAST FIFTY-THIRD STREET
NEW YORK CITY
Telephone—Plaza 9512

The Perfect Gift for Mother and Baby — The Kozekar

The most useable baby carriage ever invented. Its compact construction takes less room in the bed-chamber and living room. Always ready for use in the home, on the street and when motoring. Take baby anywhere—hotel, camping or motoring—has a full-sized bed and a good one. Running gear removable and collapsible.

Kozekars finished in rich velours, tapestries and repps. Sold by dept., furniture and juvenile stores. We want you to know all about Kozekars.

WRITE: Beautiful Catalogue and Illustrated Folder showing the KOZEKAR in its rich harmonious coloring. Also samples of materials **mailed free.**

THE KOZEKAR, INC.
908 - 13th Ave., S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.
"Remember there's only one Kozekar"

Christmas Gifts for the Children

(*Continued from page 67*)

One is a piece of outdoor playground equipment that enables children of all ages to climb safely; another, a compact indoor gymnasium, is especially good for city children in small apartments. This indoor equipment offers a child splendid opportunities for swinging, climbing and hanging.

Smaller, more easily handled forms of equipment for physical exercise include—according to the age of the child—kiddie cars, velocipedes, scooters, roller skates, slides, seesaws, wheelbarrows, coasters and different types of sporting equipment for older children. Educators point out that to give a child just one toy, perhaps a scooter or roller skates, and to expect him to occupy himself for hours with it is unfair. With equipment for physical exercise, it is desirable to combine other types of play material.

WE provide children with material for dramatic and imitative play so that they can, as previously explained, recreate their own environment and imitate our adult activities. Educators suggest a variety of material, from dolls and tiny furniture to housekeeping toys, such as laundry sets, dishes, dust pans and little stoves. They include also store-keeping toys—cash registers, scales, store merchandise and toy-money. The progressive schools use stores and store-keeping equipment to provide children with their first lessons in reading, writing and arithmetic.

In order not to limit the child's imitative activities to the domestic world, parents should provide equipment dealing with activities of industry and transportation such as trucks, cranes, boats, steam shovels and trains, suited to the age interests and capacities of the child. But the climax of absurdity in playthings is the toy that does all the work while the child does nothing. This does not mean that all mechanical toys are to be banned. Consider for instance the electric train. A toy of this type may be used as the basis of very wonderful constructive play for children old enough to run it themselves. The younger child will find more real enjoyment in a set of solid wooden block "trains" painted in bright colors, and slotted, to enable him to connect and disconnect them.

Educators constantly stress the importance of supplying children of all ages with such raw materials as modeling clay, paints, crayons, scissors, tools, erector toys of various kinds, and arts and crafts material. All these are used for different purposes, but their chief attraction lies in the fact that they allow the child to express his own ideas, to "make" and "do" for himself.

Blocks stand at the head of the list of desirable material—for young children, not tiny blocks, but, if possible, big, solid wooden blocks. The initial cost of these solid, unpainted wooden blocks is often considerable (many mothers have them made at local car-

pentry shops), but they are a more enduring form of play equipment that a child uses from his toddling days until he employs them in reproducing, perhaps, a Roman city. In the progressive schools, these solid wooden blocks enter into almost every play project. With them, plus dolls and domestic equipment, Eleanor constructs her doll's home. With blocks, animals and trees, Billy builds a farm. Frequently a whole section of a city, streets, houses, stores, railroad stations, employ solid wooden blocks as the foundation.

In choosing other forms of constructive material, educators urge us to be sure they are suited to the child's age and capacity. Four-year-old Frank shows a decided interest in things mechanical, and Frank's mother, with admirable intention gives him a metal construction set, consisting of intricate pieces of metal, screws and bolts. Frank handles them for a while, then with four-year-old, clumsy fingers, tries to manipulate a tiny screw. It falls from his awkward fingers to the floor. He tries another, then another with the same result. Finally, in tears and temper, he pushes away the set and mother sadly deplores his ingratitude.

It would have been wiser for Frank's mother to have given him hammer, saw, large nails, some wire and a few solid blocks of wood, all of which would have interested him and been suited to his age and capacities.

Are you familiar with the thick, sturdy crayons, almost a half inch wide, which are now manufactured? They last a long time and are easy for little hands to guide. Then there are delightful liquid paints in jars and big sturdy paint brushes. Children are given large sheets of newsprint paper (all this modern equipment is available in stores today), and encouraged to draw and paint on a "big scale." That is why it is better, too, to buy modeling clay in cans, rather than in tiny slabs.

IN buying games and puzzles, especially for older children, the toy department offers all kinds of interesting material. Most of the boxed games available today hold interest and value if correctly chosen on the basis of the child's age and capacities. For little children, animal rubber-stamp sets are interesting, so are jig-saw puzzle sets, provided they have large parts and are easy for the child to put together.

In referring to the ill-assorted and unwisely selected toys found in many nurseries, mothers protest that friends and relatives give them to the children. Gift toys *are* a problem that every household must meet, and several courageous mothers have attempted, at Christmas and birthday times, to talk over the subject in advance with aunts, cousins and grandmothers, or any relative who usually gives "a toy." By describing definite play projects in which the children are occupied it is surprising how interested these adults have become, especially when told of the idea behind the children's activities. In most cases, it has resulted in their giving useful and suitable play equipment.

(*See next page for list of toys*)

HORSMAN DOLLS

BUY HER ONE — Baby Dimples or Dolly Rosebud. To her it won't be a season's toy, but a cuddly, kissable playmate to take for a ride or a walk — and to tea with childfolk talk — then to bed to answer lisping dreams with an understanding "Ma-ma." Because it's a Horsman she'll have it when she's too big to play with it. But she'll never be too big to remember you bought it.

On Sale Wherever Fine Dolls are Sold

E. I. Horsman Co., Inc. 200 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

EDUCATIONAL PLAYTHINGS
INC.

Designers and Makers
of
The Peg Car
The Flower Tile
The Peg Village
The Tower Gym

At our charming exhibition rooms there are available many other original play materials especially designed to meet the needs of homes, kindergartens and nursery schools. Our *Catalogue P*, containing illustrations of these, as well as of our selected books, pictures, games, furniture and decorative objects for children's rooms will be sent on request.

20 East 69th Street
New York City
Phone Rhinelander 5466

The IDEAL
American Eagle
—the Newest Development
in Flying Model Airplanes

A light-weight, fast-flying Model, distinctive in appearance, realistic in flight and unique in construction detail. This Model will satisfy every boy's desire for perfect, sustained flight and simplicity of construction. Furnished in beautiful, modern colored decorations. The Construction Set contains everything required for building the entire Model; the Assembled Model is ready to fly, equipped with silk-covered wings:

Construction Set ..... $2.50 Assembled Model .. $5.00

All IDEAL Model Airplanes are sold by Toy, Sporting Goods and Hardware Stores. Ask for them by name. If unobtainable, we will send prepaid, upon receipt of price.

64-page Catalogue of IDEAL Model Airplanes, Parts, Materials and Supplies sent for 5 cents

Ideal Aeroplane & Supply Co., Inc.
19-23 West 18th Street, New York City

How to Decorate *with* Color Lights.. *for Christmas*

BE sure your lights for this year's Christmas decorating are NOMA Color-Lights. Each NOMA outfit has an *extension connector*, so that it can be strung on to another set, merely by plugging in. Thus you can create attractive and elaborate decorative effects with long, continuous strings of sparkling color lights; and you can add a new set or two each year. . . . NOMA Color-Lights have exclusive little red bead attachments to fasten each tiny lamp to the tree so that it will stand up like a fairy candle. *All Noma Outfits are equipped with Mazda Color Lamps*, for sturdiness, dependability and low current cost. You can see the NOMA name stamped plainly on each patented Bakelite socket—and the MAZDA name stamped on every lamp.

Send for Decorating Booklet

Send 10 cents for the fascinating booklet, "Decorating with Color-Light, 54 Plans for 'Parties They'll Remember'," giving beautiful and unusual ideas for decorating at Christmas and other festive occasions. Your friends will enjoy these novel displays, all so simple to achieve with these radiant NOMA Color-Lights.

Noma Electric Corp., Dept. 24, 340 Hudson Street, New York City.

Noma
STRINGS OF COLOR
lights

Noma Electric Corporation, Dept. 24,
340 Hudson Street, New York.
Enclosed is 10 cents. Please send me "Decorating with Color-Light, 54 Plans for 'Parties They'll Remember'."
Name.....
Street.....
City.....State.....

6000 Children Go to School at Home

EVERY DAY in the pleasant shelter of their own homes a small city of children study the Calvert way.

Based on 32 years of child study in the famed Calvert Day School in Baltimore, Calvert Courses, from Kindergarten to High School, effectively appeal to the child in terms he enjoys. You need no teaching experience to give them. A Calvert teacher in Baltimore directs and grades the work.

Calvert Courses bring modern methods to you no matter where you live. Missionaries, parents in diplomatic service, etc., find their children thoroughly prepare for our best preparatory schools *in six years*.

V. M. Hillyer, A.B., author of the new book, "A Child's Geography," is Headmaster.

These courses are moderately priced. Write for full information.

CALVERT SCHOOL
212W. Tuscany Road, Baltimore, Md.

A Balanced Ration of Playthings

This is not a complete toy catalog, but rather a suggested list which will help adults in the selection of appropriate toys. Since there is considerable overlapping in toys for different ages, this classification can be only approximate.

Toys for the Baby

Brightly colored balls
Soft animals and dolls (washable)
Rattles Rubber toys
Strings of bright colored wooden beads Floating toys

Toys for the Toddler 1 to 2 Years

Nested blocks (solidly made of wood, painted in bright colors)
Sturdy linen picture books
Floating water toys
Rubber balls
Nest of colored wooden trays
Pyramid of wooden rings in colors Toys for digging
Small wooden carts and trucks for pulling or pushing

Toys for the Child from 1 to 2 Years (Nursery School Age)

For Physical Exercise and Outdoor Play

Kiddie cars Wooden pull toys
Slides Low swing Seesaw
Sand-box

For Dramatic Play and Imitation of Adult Activities

Dolls and sturdy doll furniture
Doll carriage (light and easily handled)
Housekeeping toys: tin kitchen sets, tin dishes, small knives and forks
Wooden "train" (solid wooden cubes, slotted, painted in bright colors)
Wooden "tractor" with detachable rubber tires
Small boats Push engine

Constructive and Creative Play

Large solid wooden blocks
Large crayons
Liquid paints and large sheets of newsprint paper
Blunt scissors and colored paper, paste
Modeling clay or wax
Peg board (large pegs and holes)
Large wooden beads for stringing
Nest of wooden dolls
Unicum set (variously shaped wooden objects for child to put together)

Games and Puzzles

Strip puzzles, large figures, easily put together
Bubble-blowing set

For Music and Rhythm

Victrola records Cymbals
Drum Triangle Bells
Small piano

Toys for Children from 4 to 6 Years (Kindergarten Age)

For Physical Exercise and Outdoor Play

Velocipede Jungle-gym
Roller skates Wheelbarrow
Scooter Seesaw Beanbag
Indoor gym (trapeze, rings and swing) Outdoor gym
Climbing rope ladder for indoor use

For Dramatic Play and Imitation of Adult Activities

Playhouse screen (folding screen that simulates outside of a frame house, with real windows and doorway)
Dolls and doll furniture
Carpet sweeper and other housekeeping equipment Telephone
Storekeeping toys: cash register, toy money, scales, toy merchandise
Trucks, trains, boats, airplanes
Play suits (fireman, policeman, Indian, cowboy)
Large wooden train on wooden tracks Wooden dump truck
Noah's Ark

For Constructive and Creative Play

Large solid wooden blocks
Clay Easel, paints, large sheets of paper Large crayons
Easy weaving sets
Blunt scissors, colored paper, paste
Carpentry tools (full size) and work bench
Cut-out sets: African village, Japanese village, etc.
Zoo: jointed, wooden animals

Games and Puzzles

Picture dominoes
Put-together sets (houses, trains, etc.)

For Music and Rhythm

Victrola records Cymbals
Drum Triangle Bells
Small Piano

Toys for Children from 6 to 8 Years

For Physical Exercise and Outdoor Play

Scooter bike Roller skates
Ice skates Archery set
Large express wagon Big slide
Child's golf set Digging tools
Steering sled

For Dramatic Play and Imitation of Adult Activities

Large dolls of real baby size
Dolls' clothing and furniture
Housekeeping toys (large size)
Large sand sets (hopper, sifter, dump truck)
Steam shovel
Boats, airplanes, trains, soldiers
Outdoor playhouse

For Constructive and Creative Play

Clay, paints, crayons
Typewriter
Block printing (linoleum cuts)
Loom and needle Raffia frames
Yarn weaving set Mosaic sets
Bead weaving sets Post office

Games and Puzzles

Stamp books Anagrams Lotto
Geographical lotto
Rubber-stamp printing set that prints whole words

Music and Rhythm

Victrola records
Wooden Xylophone, Chromatic scale Drum Psaltery
Tom-tom Chinese drum

For the Older Child 8 Years and Over

Physical Exercise and Outdoor Play

Equipment for baseball and football Archery set
Ice skates Full-size bicycle
Two-wheel skates
Boxing gloves (2 pairs)
Skis, Hockey stick
Field glasses Punching bag

Science, Experimenting, etc.

Chemicraft set Typewriter
Electric sets Electric trains
Small motor for running home-built equipment
Small sewing machine
Housekeeping material
Nature study equipment
Desk globe Games and Puzzles
Ping pong Authors
Geographical lotto Flinch
Parchesi Anagrams
French and German lotto
Conjuring tricks

For Constructive and Creative Activities

Compass Butterfly net
Boy scout knife and hatchet
Wood-working equipment
Drawing equipment
Sign writer Poster craft
Poster making outfit
Motor boat to construct
Patchwork-making
Cord-weaving looms
Bead-weaving looms
Metal craft
Oil or water paints in tubes
Block printing

Musical Activities

Piano Guitar Banjo
Ukulele Rolmonica

Are Your Children Overdoing?

(*Continued from page 20*)

In addition to danger to body and nerves an over-crowded schedule may result in harm to character—if for the sake of clearness we may momentarily separate character from body and nerves. The child who is used to having every moment of his day scheduled in advance does not know what to do with his spare time if occasionally he happens to have any. Initiative in finding occupations for himself has disappeared from lack of use. "Let's get the gang together and go to the movies or something," is his reaction to the dismaying prospect of an hour alone at home. Just think of the literal meaning of that phrase "doesn't know what to do with himself." Can anyone take a useful place in the world who doesn't know what to do with himself, who must always be with others? Most hard work has to be accomplished alone—alone in spirit even if at a desk in a crowded office. Yet utter dependence on constant companionship makes the child grow into the young person of the restless, always-on-the-go but accomplishing-nothing type, typical of this "jazz age."

Another danger to character is that children who are constantly doing too much literally have no chance to think. They have no time to puzzle out the meanings of anything that they do. Their activities become as meaningless to them as the captive squirrel's ceaseless turning of his wheel. Every child needs some solitude in which to learn to know himself, to think enough to form opinions of his own, to work out what he will later call his philosophy of life. How often we blame boys and girls of high-school age for being too easily led, for having no standards of their own. They are at a point in their development when their gregarious instinct is very strong, when the crowd means much more than the individual. But even before this sense of the crowd became so keen most of these boys and girls have been too rushed to form the habit of thinking for themselves.

ADOLESCENT boys and girls are apt to feel that no one understands them. Least of all do they understand themselves, and the new forces burgeoning in them. Their personalities are actually changing from year to year. These young people need plenty of time to get acquainted with their own development.

If the average child needs less crowding in his daily life, what of the child of special talent or of unusual mental capacity? Any spark of unusual talent he possesses may be smothered for lack of the solitude that best fosters genius, as the lives of great men and women usually show.

So let us make the daily schedules of work and play for our children selective rather than too crowded. Learning to do one thing well and having time to get acquainted with himself, to work and to act on his own initiative, will do more towards making a boy or a girl a useful and happy person than will a schedule crowded to overflowing.

What *is the best* CHRISTMAS GIFT *you can give them*

IN the life of everyone some one particular Christmas stands out. And it is always that Christmas at which some gift awakens their minds to the beauty or the wonder or the knowledge of the world.

Christmases of dolls, of trinkets, of toys, come and go in an endless procession. But that one Christmas which opens their minds shines out in their lives forever.

So why not give them that gift that will make that Christmas this year? Give them

Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia for Children

Here is a gift that has already made that kind of a Christmas in hundreds of thousands of homes.

Here in Compton's is all the knowledge in the world written and pictured for children in terms of their own understanding, made more interesting than any stories they read, yet kept in accurate encyclopedic form so that everything they want to know is at their fingers' ends.

Here is the one thing that will inspire them to learn, that will give them better marks in school, that will make them natural leaders amongst their friends, that will bring out the spark of genius so often lost and will make this Christmas stand out in their minds as long as they live. For Compton's is the only thing of its kind that the children have ever had for their very own in the whole six thousand years of written words.

Special Christmas Offer Only $3.50 Down

Send this coupon immediately for big, free sample section and it won't take you a second to see for yourself. Then put Compton's under their tree and this will be the one Christmas of their mind's awakening, the one Christmas that will stand out through all the years, the Christmas that will make the memory of trinkets and toys seem poor and meagre and insignificant.

Mail This Coupon

Here is the coupon. Mail it now. When you give Compton's, you will be giving the greatest gift you have ever given your children, and yet you will be feeling it less than some ordinary trinket or toy.

For you can pay for Compton's a little at a time each month. And you can have the whole wonderful ten-volume set under your tree this Christmas for a first payment of as little as $3.50 down. This sample pictured section free will tell the story immediately. Mail this coupon today.

Compton's *Pictured* Encyclopedia

HERE IS THE COUPON—MAIL IT NOW.

Educational Director
F. E. COMPTON & COMPANY
Dept. 10-33, Compton Bldg., 1000 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

Without obligation on my part, please send me at once your big FREE Pictured Sample Section of COMPTON'S together with your FREE Questionario Game which measures the general knowledge of any boy or girl at any age. And also give me full information as to how and where I can get COMPTON'S on the easy terms you have mentioned in this ad.

Parent's Name ----------

Address ----------

City ---------- *State* ----------

Please check the ages of your children so we can send sample pages most interesting to them.

☐ Pre School ☐ Grade School ☐ High School

Stokes Books

For Your Christmas List

THE JUNGLE MEETING POOL

By Mervyn Skipper

A delightful book of native jungle legends collected by an English father for his little daughter on an island off the Coast of Borneo. "Another 'Jungle Book'—good enough to stand on the same shelf" —London Evening Standard. *Illustrated.* $1.50

AMUNDSEN

The Splendid Norseman

By Bellamy Partridge

The first biography for boys written in the modern manner. The spirit of the Vikings, bold, courageous, purposeful, sweeps through this amazing life-story. *Illustrated.* $2.50.

MY GRANDPA'S FARM

By Mary Wolfe Thompson

A little girl's own story of a happy year on her grandfather's farm in Northern New Jersey. *Illustrated.* $1.50.

THE ATTIC-CHILD

By Lucile Morrison

Every boy and girl would be an "attic child" if, like the boy and girl of this story, they had the bandit-haunted rafter-rooms of an old California mansion to explore. Mable Pyne's delightful illustrations catch the spirit of mystery. $1.75.

FROM MORNING TO NIGHT

The Day of a Two-Year-Old in Pictures

By Mable Pyne

A treasure for every parent who has a *child under three*—a fascinating picture-story all told with bright-colored illustrations. "Something different in the line of picture-books. . . . It would be an interesting experiment to try it with your baby."—Alice Dalgliesh, *in The Parents' Magazine. Illustrated.* $1.00.

Your bookseller will gladly show you these books—just a few from a Fall list of which we're unusually proud. Drop us a line today and find our new Children's Catalog—free, postpaid—in your mailbox.

F. A. STOKES COMPANY
443 4th Ave. New York

Books for Boys and Girls

By ALICE DALGLIESH

Teacher of Story Telling for Children, Teachers College, Columbia University

THIS Christmas the bookshops are overflowing with children's books —apparently the number of them is greater than ever before. While there are some very attractive books, many of them are disappointing. "Quantity rather than quality" seems to be the goal of some publishers, and so we find dozens of books that are uninteresting in material and cheap in appearance.

Among the books for younger children there are only a few satisfactory ones. The reason for this is that most publishers know little about the interests, likes and dislikes of young children. We find trivial books, poorly-written books and books full of silly humor supposedly "written down" to the child's level. Books of verse are the worst offenders, most of them are neither childlike nor worth reading.

It is sometimes interesting to know what to avoid as well as what to select. One of the worst books of the year is the much-discussed "Alice in Wonderland," illustrated by Willy Pogany. Here we have a flapper Alice, a grotesque, short-skirted Queen of Hearts and a great deal that is unpleasing to lovers of "Alice." Another "worst" book is Andersen's "Snow Queen" with illustrations that are no contribution whatever to the story. In some cases one careless or unthinking touch ruins a book that would otherwise be very acceptable. A collection of Czecho-Slovakian nursery rhymes would be charming if it were not spoiled for use with little children by one ugly and unnecessary picture of a black hobgoblin.

"Santa Claus will soon be here,
Soon be here, soon be here.
So sing a song and have good cheer
At Christmas time."

Verse and illustration from "Singing Time" by Satis N. Coleman and Alice G. Thorn. Published by John Day.

This all seems very negative at the head of a Christmas list! There *are* some lovely books and from the piles that have come in for review we have selected those that seem most worth while. For the convenience of parents who are making their Christmas selection we have also listed a few "best" books which were reviewed in October and November.

Books for Little Children

TWO FUNNY CLOWNS, by Berta and Elmer Hader. *Coward, McCann.* $1.00.

This is a very gay little circus picture book. As is the case with so many of this year's picture books the illustrations are better than the story. (5-7.)

THE KITTEN THAT GREW TOO FAT, by Clara Winlow. *Macrae Smith.* $1.50.

"The kitten that grew
Too fat, poor cat,
Ate too much this
And too much that."

A fairly amusing tale with most attractive silhouettes depicting the kitten's adventures. (Age 5-7.)

THE STORY OF WOOFIN POOFIN, by Marguerite Buller. *McBride.* $2.00.

The story of a china dog in an antique shop. Another gay picture book with a rather mediocre story. (Age 5-7.)

TODAY'S A.B.C. BOOK, by Elizabeth King. *McBride.* $1.75.

A modern A.B.C. book dealing with automobiles, boats, trains, derricks and other things especially of interest to little boys. Good pictures, fair explanatory text. This is one of the books which, with more careful editing, would be very worth while. (Age 4-7.)

SINGING TIME, by Satis N. Coleman and Alice G. Thorn. *John Day.* $2.50.

Two experts in the teaching of music to children have made this song-book for boys and girls of two to six years. The subject matter of the songs is childlike, for they are about such things as trains, boats, animals, playing out-of-doors, birthdays and holidays. The book is fully illustrated. Best of all, the songs are really simple enough for little children to sing. (Age 2-7.)

CHIMNEY CORNER POEMS, illustrated by Lois Lenski. *Minton Balch.* $2.50.

We need a good collection of poems for young children and from the standpoint of attractive form and well-chosen poems this book is worth while. Lois Lenski, however, is not the best illustrator for little children, her illustrations being too small and full of detail. (Age 4-7.)

THE WHITE PUPPY BOOK, by Cecil Alden. *Oxford University Press.* $1.25.
The doings of a most alluring white puppy. The text is negligible, the pictures delightful. (Age 5-7.)

LITTLE CHRISTMAS, illustrated by Guth. *Macmillan.* $2.00.
A Czech legend of how "Little Christmas" brought toys to poor children, with charming pictures. (Age 6-7.)

Other attractive picture-story books previously reviewed:
SPIN, TOP, SPIN. *Macmillan.* $3.00.
PEREGRIN AND THE GOLDFISH. *Macmillan.* $2.00.
MIKI. *Doubleday, Doran.* $2.00.
PELLE'S NEW CLOTHES. *Harpers.* $1.25.

Books for Children 6-10

CINDERELLA, retold by Millicent Sowerby, illustrated by Githa Sowerby. *Oxford University Press.* $3.00.
A gift edition of Cinderella with colored pictures.

LITTLE BLACKNOSE, by Hildegarde Hoyt Swift. *Harcourt Brace.* $2.00.
The life story of the De Witt Clinton, the little old-fashioned locomotive which is now on exhibition in Grand Central Station, New York City. Readable and well illustrated.

HITTY, HER FIRST HUNDRED YEARS, by Rachel Field. *Macmillan.* $2.50.

KAROO THE KANGAROO, by Kurt Wiese. *Coward, McCann.* $1.50.
A story about a baby kangaroo, with quite unusual illustrations.

POCKET HANDKERCHIEF PARK, by Rachel Field. *Doubleday, Doran.* $.75.
One of Rachel Field's "little" books with her own illustrations. The story centers around a tiny park in the city.

TILLY-TOD, by Elizabeth Janet Gray. *Doubleday, Doran.* $2.00.
A pleasant story about Quaker twins and their everyday doings. Tilly and Tod "looked as much alike as two round chestnuts in the silky cup of a burr" but "they did not talk alike, nor act alike, nor think alike." Quaint and charming illustrations and decorations.

Other attractive books previously reviewed:
NANETTE OF THE WOODEN SHOES. *Macmillan.* $2.00.
KASPERLE'S ADVENTURES. *Macmillan.* $3.50.

Books for Boys and Girls 10-14

STORIES FROM THE BIBLE, by Walter de la Mare. *Cosmopolitan.* $3.50.
A dignified re-telling of stories from the Old Testament in Walter de la Mare's beautiful prose. Poorly illustrated in would-be modern style.

CHRIST LEGENDS, by Selma Lagerlof. *Henry Holt.* $1.75.
A new edition of the Christmas legends written by Sweden's famous novelist.

(*Turn to next page*)

"I WISH *I had* RED WINGS!"

said the little Rabbit

"Once upon a time there was a little White Rabbit with two beautiful long pink ears and two bright red eyes and four soft little feet — such a pretty little White Rabbit, but he wasn't happy.

"Just think, this little White Rabbit wanted to be somebody else instead of the nice little rabbit that he was.

"When Mr. Bushy Tail, the gray squirrel, went by, the little White Rabbit would say to his Mammy:

"'Oh, Mammy, I wish I had a long gray tail like Mr. Bushy Tail's.'

"And when Mr. Porcupine went by,...."

We can't all have red wings, that's certain. Yet there are times when most of us wish for things we can't possibly have—and become unhappy because we can't have them!

"The Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings", taken from *My* BOOKHOUSE, is a delightful story for children. They love to hear it, and they love also, to read it out loud, to talk like Old Mr. Ground Hog in a deep voice, or like the Little White Rabbit in a thin, small voice.

***My* BOOKHOUSE, the six wonderful volumes compiled by Olive Beaupré Miller, educator, writer and mother, are filled with hundreds of stories and poems interesting to children all through the years of childhood. These stories are carefully selected, not only for their entertainment and literary value, but also for their character-building value. They are indexed and graded, and extremely useful to mothers.**

"The Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings" is included in a tiny miniature book which young children especially love. May we send you a copy free?

***The* BOOKHOUSE *for* CHILDREN, 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.**

My BOOKHOUSE

Selected Fundamental Literature for Children — the best of all countries, the best of all times.

ON THE AIR!
Have your children tune in on My Bookhouse Children's Radio Program for fun and good stories. ... WMAQ — Chicago, daily except Saturday and Sunday, 5:45 P.M. WABC — New York, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:15 P. M.

Parents, Give Books for CHRISTMAS

For the Youngest Children:

FIND endless fascination in their picture books. Give them the right sort with vivid, clear colors, pictures that tell their own story, and a text simple enough to be read to them as they turn the pages. These foreign picture books, now available for the first time in translation, have won their way with children of other lands.

ST. NICHOLAS IN TROUBLE by Felix Timmermans **$1.50**
PELLE'S NEW SUIT by Elsa Beskow **$1.25**

For those Just Learning to Read:

PARENTS have a serious problem to face. Simple vocabulary, text that appeals to the inquiring mind of the modern child, format that feeds the developing artistic appreciation—all these factors must be considered. BIG FELLOW is the story of a road-making shovel; I WANT A BOOK is a miscellany of verse and prose.

BIG FELLOW by Dorothy W. Baruch **$1.50**
I WANT A BOOK by Berenice Pittala **$2.00**

Things-to-do Books:

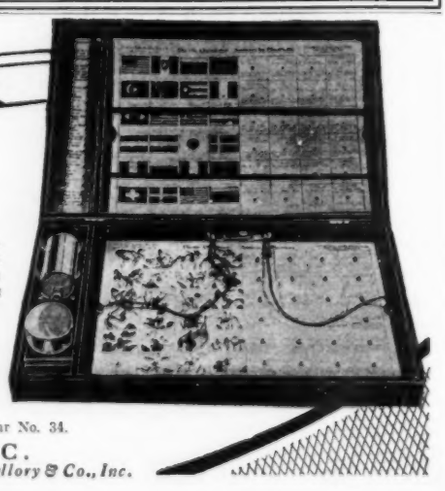
WHAT can we do next, Mother? A familiar query, and one that can be answered if the sane parent can direct the boy's or girl's attention to hobbies that are constructive in result. For the girl, home-making is a natural trend, and clubs an unfailing appeal. Why not cooking clubs? And for boy or girl, no hobby affords more thorough satisfaction or more educational returns than stamp collecting.

STAMPS: AN OUTLINE OF PHILATELY by Kent B. Stiles **$3.00**
THE BATTER AND SPOON FAIRIES by Edna Teall **$2.00**

FREE: For further suggestions send for our beautifully illustrated catalogue of books for boys and girls. Address Dept. 8.

HARPER & BROTHERS **Publishers** **New York**

KNAPP ELECTRIC QUESTIONER



TEACHES, *By Playing*

Give any child a Knapp Electric Questioner—the chances are that you will not be able to take it away from him for two hours. And the absorbing interest in the Questioner lasts for months and years. You can keep it up to date indefinitely.

The mysterious buzzing answer thrills and puzzles, indelibly impressing the correct answer on their minds. Operates from a flash light battery (furnished). The perfect Christmas gift.

If your dealer is sold out, send us $3.50 ($3.75 Denver and West) and we will send the Questioner postpaid. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Ask for circular No. 34.

KNAPP ELECTRIC, INC.
ESTABLISHED 1890 *Division of P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc.*
Indianapolis, Ind.

Books for Boys and Girls

(*Continued from page 73*)

STORY LIVES OF MASTER ARTISTS, by Anna Curtis Chandler. *Stokes.* $2.50.

The author of this book tells stories to thousands of children at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. In this book she tells the story of the lives of seventeen famous artists.

LINDBERGH FLIES ON, by Earl Reeves. *McBride.* $2.00.

The story of the progress made in aviation since Lindbergh's famous flight.

THE JUMPING OFF PLACE, by Marian Hurd McNeely. *Longmans, Green.* $2.00.

An interesting, well-written story of a family of boys and girls who inherit an old farm in North Dakota and go out to live on it.

JOSCELYN OF THE FORTS, by Gertrude Crownfield. *Dutton.* $2.00.

A story of the French and Indian wars. Well written, with a good deal of action.

THE WINGED HORSE ANTHOLOGY, compiled by Joseph Auslander and Frank Ernest Hill. *Doubleday, Doran.* $3.50.

A fine anthology for poetry-lovers.

EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY'S POEMS, SELECTED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, illustrated by Joseph Paget-Williams. *Harpers.* $2.50.

Miss Millay has made her own selection of the poems which she considers most appropriate for older boys and girls. Interesting and strange decorations.

THE SUN'S DIARY, by Elizabeth Coatsworth. *Macmillan.* $2.00.

An unusual and interesting "book of days" which gives information about the months, holidays and red letter days, as well as quotations from poets and authors. Nice decorations and an attractive cover.

"Ask Your Own Mother"

If you do as modern authorities tell you to and answer your child's questions on sex perfectly frankly when he asks them, isn't there danger of his going about the neighborhood informing other children of what he knows, and so incurring criticism from mothers whose attitude on this matter isn't the same as yours? Or is it possible to impress a child with the need for reticence in regard to sex matters? One mother believes the latter is possible and has reported the following interesting conversation with her eleven-year-old son:

"Mother, Tom asked me a funny thing today. He asked me how babies were born."

"What did you tell him?" I asked.

"Why," said my son, "I said that sure I knew all about it. You'd told me. And he said, 'Tell me, will you?' And I said, 'Why, no, I can't do that. Ask your own mother.' And he said, 'I did, but she wouldn't tell me.' And I said, 'Well, I'm sorry, but it's not up to me to explain everything to you. It's up to her.'"

A Twelve-time CHRISTMAS PRESENT

that every

Mother

will treasure!

Your Name Here
is sending you with Christmas Greetings a year's subscription to
The PARENTS' MAGAZINE
We gladly welcome you as a new reader and hope that the magazine will be a source of help, pleasure and inspiration to you throughout the coming year.
The Editors
The PARENTS' MAGAZINE

Cheerful, artistic and charming is the Christmas Gift Announcement Card which is sent free in the donor's name to every recipient of a gift subscription. The card is beautifully printed in color, and is mailed in an envelope to match to arrive at Christmas time together with the first issue of the subscription.

Special Christmas Offer

3 one-year subscriptions for $4.50
(Single copy price $9.00)

2 one-year subscriptions for $3.00
(Single copy price $6.00)

1 one-year subscription for $2.00
(Single copy price $3.00)

No gift will be more appreciated than this magazine, which gives such practical, helpful counsel on the rearing of children from crib to college.

Order Blank for Christmas Gift Subscriptions

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE
255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

I enclose $..... for which please send your magazine with Christmas Gift card with my name to:

Name of Recipient ..... *(Please write plainly)*

Street and No. ..... City and State

Name of Recipient ..... *(Please write plainly)*

Street and No. ..... City and State

Name of Recipient ..... *(Please write plainly)*

Street and No. ..... City and State

Giver's Name ..... *(Please write plainly)*

Giver's Address ..... City and State

Enclose remittance for $4.50 for 3 subscriptions; $3.00 for 2 subscriptions; $2.00 for 1 subscription.
Canadian postage free. Foreign, 50c per year additional.

A Book for Every Home—The Correct Foods for Everybody

FEEDING the FAMILY

¶ HERE is a reliable, practical guide to proper diets and scientifically balanced meals, recommended to you by the leading food experts of the country.

¶ "THE first book to buy, after your cook book, for it shows how to adjust diets to the needs of particular members of the family."

¶ "GIVES to housewives and mothers the facts that science knows for the proper and adequate feeding of the whole family."

¶ "AN indispensable handbook for all those who are responsible for proper feeding and nutrition of family groups."

FEEDING the FAMILY

By Mary Swartz Rose

Special Home Edition—$5.00

THE SHOPPING BOOK by William H. Baldwin is a practical guide to buying which it will repay you to examine. Price $2.50

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY
60 Fifth Avenue New York

Children's Books for Christmas

Number Seven Joy Street

By Compton Mackenzie, Laurence Housman and Others. Delightful stories and poems. Illustrated in color and black and white. $2.50.

Blue Ribbon Stories

Edited by Mabel L. Robinson. A representative collection of the best children's stories of 1929. Illustrated. $2.50.

Chico's Three-Ring School

By Stella Burke May. The lively story of how a circus boy went to the circus school. Illustrated. $2.00.

The Boy Who Dared

By Mary H. Wade. The life story of William Penn, simply and clearly told. Illustrated. $1.75.

Alice in Elephantland

By Mary Hastings Bradley. The true adventures of a little girl of eight in wildest Africa. $2.50.

NURSERY SCHOOL PROCEDURE

By Josephine C. Foster and Marion L. Mattson. A practical handbook for persons working with children of pre-school age. $2.25.

D. APPLETON AND COMPANY
35 West 32d Street, New York

Books for Parents

Community Recreation, by James Claude Elsom, M.D. *Century.* $2.25.

Interest in the wise use of leisure time, both for children and adults, has never been so widespread in American communities. Dr. Elsom, who is professor of Physical Elucation at the University of Wisconsin, has drawn upon a varied experience as medical man, sociologist and recreation leader for this book. It should prove a useful guide to workers with social groups in the school, church, club, camp or community.

The reasons for the commnuity recreation movement, the importance of play for balanced and happy living and the historic background of modern sports are discussed in the first three chapters. Little more than a sketch of so broad a subject can be given, but the outline is to the point. Chapter II should help parents to a better understanding of their children's play instincts.

The greater part of the book describes definite recreation activities for a year's program. Directions are given for a variety of games and stunts, well adapted to group merriment. These have been tested by the author at community institutes throughout the country. The ideas for celebrating holidays and the material on the origin and significance of these days are especially valuable. Few activities suitable for small children are included. In general, the program has been designed for adults and young people of the adolescent age.—*Reviewed by Mabel Travis Wood, Playground and Recreation Association of America.*

The Adolescent, His Conflicts and Escapes, by Sidney I. Schwab, M.D., and Borden S. Veeder, M.D. *Appleton.* $3.00.

To the parent or teacher of considerably more than average intelligence this book may convey a sane understanding of the problems which youth faces because it is youth. The first three chapters written by Dr. Veeder deal in physical changes in boys and girls during their teens. The remaining twenty chapters are by Dr. Schwab and discuss the developing individual as a unit in society. The point of view is that youth is a period of opposition against the environment as expressed in such institutions as the home, school, industry, religion, sex, that such disharmony is natural in our times and its normal solution leads to happy, useful adulthood. The most pertinent chapters for fathers and mothers are 1, 2, 3, 22 and 23. A valuable suggestion grows from the statement that when parents are unable to help at some adolescent crisis the fault may be because the right relationship of friendly counsel has not been established much earlier. The chapters on religion and sex give a particularly well balanced survey, they avoid Freudian over-simplification and emphasis and lead away from a mystical interpretation. The calm and well proportioned discussion is highly to be commended to parents who wish to understand and help rather than to dictate to or possess their children.—*Reviewed by Dr. Ella Woodyard.*

Race Attitudes in Children, by Bruno Lasker. *Holt.* $4.00.

This book gives testimony to the fact that students of social life are beginning to realize the importance of studying the experiences of children. Custom and tradition are not handed from adult to adult, but persist because they are built into the habit life of children. This book is the most elaborate, if not the first, study of race attitudes as they appear in the feeling and thinking of children.

It is an impressive book, rich in concrete material, full of meaning for parents and teachers who do not wish their children to become victims of race prejudice. The book, however, will be read by many for the purpose of getting insight into the child's feelings and to understand more clearly the process of habit-building in childhood, for race prejudices are constructed in the same way as our other habitual responses to life's experiences. There is an overwhelming mass of evidence that the reactions of children to members of other races disclose not the workings in instincts, but the influence of personal experience and the suggestions that children receive from their elders.

The book is divided into four major discussions: "What Race Attitudes Do Children Have?" "How are Race Attitudes Acquired?" "How are Race Attitudes Taught?" and "How May Race Attitudes Be Modified?" There are comments scattered through the discussion that have a significance for teachers and parents entirely apart from the theme of the book; for example: "Our more progressive educators begin to see that an erroneous ideal has

(*Turn to page* 78)

Any Book by Mail Postpaid

Our librarian will be glad to order and mail to you any book published in the United States. Checks or money orders to cover the regular retail price must accompany orders. The books will be mailed postpaid to any address in the United States or Canada. If the price of the book is unknown, send $3.00 and we will remit the change. If $3.00 is not sufficient, we will advise you. Address Librarian, THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, *255 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.*

Noteworthy Books for Parents

YOUR GROWING CHILD

By H. Addington Bruce

A clear and readable survey of all the things, both mental and physical, that must be reckoned with if children are to be reared successfully. The author shows how the child may be led through the maze of modern distractions—jazz, radio, movies, street corner gatherings—and shows how to combat the tendencies of unrest, discontent, fear, intolerance, neuroses, and mental ailments; tells what food and exercise the child should have if he is to keep well; and suggests books for further reading.

Angelo Patri, Consulting Educator, and Children's Columnist: "Unlike many books on child training it is full of ready-to-use information."

8vo, Cloth. 417 pages. $2.50, net; by mail, $2.64.

All Book Stores, or

FUNK & WAGNALLS COMPANY, 356 Fourth Ave., New York

THE CHILD'S HEREDITY

BY PAUL POPENOE

A practical guide-book for parents in which a distinguished biologist tells, in non-technical language, the laws of human heredity—physical, mental, temperamental. Cloth. xiii+316 pages. Amply illustrated. $2.00. Published September, 1929.

THE WILLIAMS & WILKINS COMPANY
Mt. Royal and Guilford Aves., Baltimore, Md.

A DOCTOR'S LETTERS TO EXPECTANT PARENTS

By FRANK HOWARD RICHARDSON, M.D.

Eighteen intimate, informal letters dealing not only with the physical problems of the mother-to-be but also with the psychological problems of both mothers and fathers. Discusses also special problems of second and third children $1.75

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE
255 Fourth Ave., New York

If Parents Only Knew

By Elizabeth Cleveland

A Message from Teachers to Parents Telling What the Modern School is Doing for the Child and How the Home Can Help. **$1.75**

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE
255 Fourth Avenue, New York

NEWER WAYS WITH CHILDREN

By M. V. O'SHEA

Dr. O'Shea, Advisory Editor of *Parents' Magazine* and one of the leading educators in America, covers here the whole field of child education and training. Every problem is introduced with actual cases. There is no abstract discussion. The book is a veritable mine of practical information for parents. **$3.50.**

GREENBERG : PUBLISHER
160 Fifth Ave. New York

Recommended by specialists from coast to coast

CHILD CARE AND TRAINING

***By* MARION L. FAEGRE and JOHN E. ANDERSON**
Institute of Child Welfare, University of Minnesota

***Dr. William Palmer Lucas,* Chief of Staff, Children's Service, University of California Hospital, San Francisco:**

"Child Care and Training is the most comprehensive and best-written book on the subject that has appeared recently. We are recommending it to all of our mothers and have asked the Children's Book Shop to stock it."

***Dr. Julius H. Hess,* Chicago:**

"Exceptionally practical for parent use."

***Dr. Oscar B. Markey,* Cleveland:**

"An outstanding contribution."

***Dr. A. B. Chandler,* McGill University, Montreal:**

"By long odds the best book of this kind that has appeared."

***Dr. Morris Fishbein,* Editor of *Hygeia*:**

"Extraordinarily rational. . . . May be recommended highly to every parent wishing guidance."

***Dr. H. S. Lippman,* Institute for Child Guidance, New York City:**

"It is in a class by itself as a practical, usable guide . . . the best book on the subject I have come across."

***Dr. Bronson Crothers,* Children's Hospital, Boston:**

"I am very glad to recommend this book as one of the very best that I know."

***Dr. Frederic Schlutz,* Chief, Department of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota:**

"It is one of the best books now offered to the American public on this subject. It contains a remarkable amount of valuable information, most sanely and conservatively presented, and most easily understandable. I can most heartily indorse every chapter and every line."

Journal of Home Economics:

"Invaluable."

U. S. Children's Bureau:

"Very practical and useful."

$2.00 at your booksellers or from the publisher

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PRESS **Minneapolis**

CHILD GUIDANCE

The Blanton manual for parents, recommended by doctors, nurses, teachers, and parents. "A splendid book to read and study."— *N. Y. Parent Teacher Bulletin.* Price, $2.25.

THE CENTURY CO., 353 Fourth Ave. New York

5463 Parents—915 Teachers helped to build the practical character education program in

CHARACTER TRAINING

by

C. E. and E. G. Germane

The book offers a thoroughly tested practice of character building and enrichment for use in the home.

$1.40 postpaid by writing our nearest office, Dept. P.

SILVER, BURDETT AND COMPANY
New York Newark Boston
Chicago San Francisco

EAT MUCH SALT?

Then by all means read this book.
BLOOD PRESSURE—HIGH AND LOW.
By Chester Tilton Stone, M.D.

A non-technical brochure giving the causes (salt is only one) of this serious condition, its effects, approved methods of prevention, curative measures. If you are over 35 it will prove doubly valuable.

Postpaid, $1.60.

ALLEN ROSS & CO., Dept. 18, 1133 B'way, N. Y. C.

Halle: WHICH COLLEGE?

This handbook of American colleges tells about their founders, faculty, courses of study, enrollment, fees, extra-curricular activities, etc.

Invaluable to parents looking toward the higher education of their children.

Order our handy $1.50 edition, postpaid, from

MACMILLAN

at any of these addresses

60 Fifth Ave., New York
2459 Prairie Ave., Chicago
240 Newbury St., Boston
560 Spring St., N. W. Atlanta
Ross Ave. and Akard St., Dallas
350 Mission St., San Francisco

WHAT SHALL WE NAME THE BABY?

This is the title of a new booklet, suggesting many names for boy and girl babies, with explanations of their meanings, and allusions to history, poetry and legend. Stamped in gold, an ideal gift, $1. Paper Edition, 20c.

WILLIAM LEWIN, ACADEMY BUILDING, NEWARK, N. J.

A World of Fun
for Boys and Girls with KANGRU-SPRINGSHU

BETTER THAN JUMPING ON THE BED

ALMOST like flying . . . yet perfectly safe for the tiny tot of four years . . . KANGRU-SPRINGSHUS add many happy hours the year round. The tens of thousands purchasers are highly pleased with this safe and enjoyable toy.

A Wonderful Christmas Gift

KANGRU-SPRINGSHUS fit on like skates . . . but go where roller skates cannot. While the child is having fun he is strengthening leg and stomach muscles. A popular addition to any play yard for fun and exercise. Doctors recommend KANGRU-SPRINGSHUS.

Price

$3 the pair

Add 50c west of the Rockies and Canada

Tens of thousands of boys and girls have KANGRU-SPRINGSHUS—the outstanding Gift for Christmas

Go to your DEALER
If he can't supply you—SEND COUPON

LITTLEFIELD MFG. CO.
701 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Illinois

Enclosed is P. O. Money Order / Express Money Order for $.....

Please send.....pairs Rubber Sole Kangru-Springshus with the understanding that this money will be refunded if not satisfactory.

Name..... *Age*.....

Address..... *Weight*.....

City..... *State*.....

Books for Parents

(*Continued from page 76*)

in the past too often shaped educational objectives and methods. The assumption has been that the child is erratic, anarchical, and must be tamed to fit the demands of a stable environment. We now see that increasingly civilized life demands minds able to cope with a decidedly unstable environment. The task is not to create mental habits in conformity with a given set of needs, but to create personalities which, though stable in themselves, remain elastic and rapidly adapt themselves to changed conditions." (p. 305)

Would that all who touch child life could learn the importance of this fact in the training of children for life!—*Reviewed by Ernest R. Groves, University of North Carolina.*

The Behavior of Young Children, by Ethel B. Waring and Marguerite Wilker. *Scribners.* $1.00.

Here is a common-sense contribution to parental education, a book through which parents may learn to direct themselves. Its specific purpose is to serve as a guide in the study of the behavior of young children and its plan includes three approaches to the problem of child guidance. The first approach is through incidents about children which describe the various ways in which they behave. The second is through quotations selected from various authors on child behavior; and the last is through a number of questions. Such directed study may help parents to follow methods already proved successful and enable them to develop habits of study applicable to new types of behavior in their children.

The Shopping Book, a Manual for Housewives, by William H. Baldwin. *Macmillan.* $2.50.

Just as the lawyer, the doctor, the scientist has his library of professional books so the modern woman in charge of a household should have her books dealing with various phases of that vast and important subject of housekeeping and homemaking. Among these books should be found an attractive new volume—"The Shopping Book." The woman who must purchase furniture, wearing apparel, china, glassware or any one of a number of major articles of household importance may turn to this book and find out what type of articles is best and why. A very readable and helpful guide to wise buying.

Home Care of the Sick, by Norma Selbert, R.N., B.S, M.A. *Saunders.* $1.00

This little book written in response to many requests by homemakers and teachers gives practical instruction in the home care of the sick. Environment, care of the patient's room, sickroom articles, importance of observing closely the patient's symptoms and many other important subjects are discussed with practical thoroughness and in non-technical language.

EVERY CHILD'S COURSE AT HOME

for Instruction, enjoyment, and appreciation of the **GREAT MASTERS** in Sculpture, Painting, Architecture.

EVERY CHILD'S COURSE AT HOME is a response to the need of parents who wish to develop the aesthetic qualities in their children and acquaint them with the world's Great Art, through natural and happy methods.

EVERY CHILD'S COURSE AT HOME is conducted through pictures and a series of delightfully informing letters written to children. It is under the personal supervision of Mrs. Guthrie, the organizer and director of **MRS. GUTHRIE'S JUNIOR GROUPS FOR INSTRUCTED VISITS to THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM of ART,** whose work in this field, and as a member of the staffs of internationally known schools, has brought her into contact with children in various parts of the world.

They are informal, friendly letters . . . the kind children love to get. The colour prints accompanying the letters are true to the original paintings. The quality of all prints used is exceptionally fine.

EVERY CHILD'S COURSE AT HOME is an open door to a world of beauty and provides an enriched experience for the child in all his varied social contacts.

M. S. Guthrie, Director

EVERY CHILD'S COURSE AT HOME
751 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Help for the Man who wants to Build

$1 From plan-hunting to landscaping and furnishing, the Small Home magazine talks about things we can afford. It is helpful, authoritative, interesting. Edited by architects, it tells how to avoid pitfalls in building and financing. Every issue shows new plans of charming houses. Read it and find the answers to your home building problems. Send only $1.00 for a year's subscription (12 issues). Published by The Architects' Small House Service Bureau, 1208 2nd Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

***the* Small Home**

***The* GAME *of* HIDDEN**

Noledge

for YOUNG and OLD

A fascinating, instructive card game of 300 questions and answers, covering geographical, historical and literary facts which every child and adult should know. Two to 75 may play. Sold by leading dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price, $1.00.

SAVO MANUFACTURING CO.
Dept. C-12, 111 W. Monroe St., Chicago

MOTHERS!

MAKE CHILD TRAINING EASY

The Improved Infant's "Potty-Pad" is easily applied to any nursery potty. It is perfectly form-fitting, soft, pliable, adjustable, washable. It protects baby's spine and prevents chill. Trimmed in fast color pink, blue, or lavender. Suitable as a gift. Send today. Price $1.00 each. Mailed in dainty Christmas box.

M. F. Lonier Co., 611 N. Catherine Ave., La Grange, Illinois

Wooden Toys

FOR LITTLE CHILDREN!

Noah and His Ark—The Mountain Home—Old Woman in Shoe—Goldilocks—and others. All made by hand, gaily painted, they look like real characters from Storyland.

Ask for Price List P

Tryon Toy-Makers and Wood-Carvers
TRYON, N. C.

Out of the MOUTHS OF BABES

One dollar will be paid for each child's saying published in this department

SAID Four-Years-Old to Three-Years-Old: "Hazel, what do you want Santa Claus to bring you?"

Without hesitation came the reply: "Nussing. I want to be bad."—*J. D. M., Pearce, Arizona.*

THE teacher was explaining things to the class, and as an example to illustrate the idea she was trying to get across, she said: "For instance, I want to introduce water into my house. I turn it on. The pipes and taps are all in order, but I get no water. Can anyone tell me why?"

"I know, Teacher," spoke up a small boy. "You didn't pay your water bill!" —*L. A., Columbus, Ohio.*

MY husband and I were going out for dinner and I was supervising the children's meal before leaving. Betty Grace, aged four, scrambled into my customary place at the table and motioned her brother to his father's seat opposite. "You be the papa, and I'll be the mama," she proposed, gaily. Imagine my astonishment and dismay at her next words, "Now let's argue!" —*G. K. P., Minneapolis, Minn.*

LITTLE Doris was able to count only to four. One day Daddy came in with five lovely ripe strawberries and showed them to Doris and asked her to count them for him. She looked puzzled for a moment and then said: "Eat one, Daddy, then I will."—*Mrs. E. G., Rushville, N. Y.*

SIX-YEAR-OLD Susan was very winsome and people usually paid considerable attention to her. She was spending the day with friends when a caller took special notice of her and asked, "Have you any little sisters at home?"

"No, I haven't," she replied, adding after a moment's reflection, "but I have two little brothers at home—and they have a little sister."—*A. H., York, Pa.*

FIVE-YEAR-OLD Billy's mother had taken prizes at the county fair on chickens and cake. The family were discussing the matter on arrival home and Bobby said, "I tell you, Daddy, you and I sure married a good woman."—*Mrs. E. N. R., Topeka, Kansas.*

LAURA MAY, aged five, admiring her new baby brother and wondering when he would be able to talk, said with a sigh, "Oh, dear! I do hope he learns to talk before he forgets how heaven looks—'cause I've already forgotten."—*Mrs. K. M. S., Savannah, Ga.*

JIMMIE'S father takes a cold shower bath each morning. One day he initiated Jimmie into the experience. Jimmie came quite smilingly from the bathroom boasting, "I've had a shiver-bath, too."—*Mrs. J. S. C., Racine, Wis.*

MADMAR

PICTURE PUZZLES AND MAP PUZZLES

. . . make splendid Holiday Gifts

Madmar Puzzles are made for all ages and are very entertaining and educational.

Picture Puzzles for

little tots—juvenile colored pictures—large pieces—easy to put together—entertaining.

Picture Puzzles for

ages of 8 to 12 years—colored pictures for older minds—many poster effects—jig-sawed from thick material—not difficult to assemble.

Picture Puzzles for

still older children and adults—fine artistic colored prints by celebrated artists—three-ply basswood panels—jig-sawed into many small intricate pieces—more difficult to assemble.

Map Puzzles—of United States, Canada, World, Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Africa and many states of U. S.—all mounted on three-ply basswood panels—jig-sawed on boundary lines.

Madmar Puzzles are sold in the more progressive stores and at popular prices. If your favorite store does not sell Madmar Puzzles, we will supply you direct.

Write to us about our PUZZLE-A-MONTH CLUB and ask for new illustrated catalog. Write today to

MADMAR QUALITY COMPANY
Utica, N. Y.

A MAP OF CHILDREN EVERYWHERE

By Ruth Hambidge

Will help teach children the customs, characteristics and costumes of children everywhere. Lithographed in 6 colors. 22" x 37". $2.50

SINGING TIME

By Satis N. Coleman and Alice G. Thorn

Songs with music and words suited to very young voices. Color illustrations by Ruth Hambidge. $2.50

THE JOHN DAY COMPANY
386 Fourth Avenue New York

JOHN HANCOCK SERIES

"Most Sensible"
"Easily Understood"
"Can be Readily Adopted by any Family"

So writes a Wisconsin woman, of the John Hancock Home Budget Sheet.

Any family will benefit by the use of the Budget; many already have done so.

The John Hancock Monthly Budget Sheet presents clearly the division of expenses, including recreation, savings, and insurance, and affords definite assistance in the management of family finance.

Send for YOUR FAMILY'S copy today.

INQUIRY BUREAU

John Hancock
MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
197 Clarendon St. Boston, Mass.

Please send me a copy of the JOHN HANCOCK HOME BUDGET SHEET. I enclose 2c to cover postage.

Name.....
Address.....
.....

P. M.

—OVER SIXTY-FIVE YEARS IN BUSINESS—

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

"I take more magazines than I have time to read"

This statement is often made, and the answer is always the same. You are still searching for a truly *satisfying* magazine—a magazine that you can always count on to divert and stimulate your mind no matter what your mood or taste. You take a number of periodicals, hoping that here and there you may find a refreshing bit of reading—but you never quite have time for the search.

The Golden Book Has Become the *Satisfying* Magazine for Busy People

The *Golden Book Magazine* gives you entertainment of a quality that no other periodical can imitate. Your feast of good reading each month is not limited to what a few modern short story writers, poets, and essayists can produce—in the *Golden Book* your reading runs the whole gamut of brilliance, from the most talked of moderns to the most inspired masters.

Our editors select from the world's literary market the cream of the FICTION, DRAMA, ESSAYS, and HUMOR. *Each good author is represented by his best.* Nothing is too new, nothing too old for the *Golden Book,* but each piece of writing *must* have that perfection that makes your reading amusing and stimulating. The fact that so many of our subscribers bind their issues of the *Golden Book* is proof of its outstanding quality.

If you wish to make your hours of reading count, if you care for stories in which you really go adventuring, in which romance lurks in old forms and new, in which you discover new paths of thought and fresh beauty and beloved personalities—*enclose a one-dollar bill with the coupon below and receive the next SIX BIG ISSUES OF THE "GOLDEN BOOK."*

A 6 Months' Introduction For Only $1.00

THE GOLDEN BOOK MAGAZINE
55 Fifth Ave., New York

Enclosed find $1.00, for which send the Golden Book to the address below for six months.

Name.....

Address.....

.....

Par. 12-29

Free

to Group Leaders

This attractive four-page folder explains the extensive services THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE offers free to groups interested in child care and training.

1. A definite program on child training which will help to make your meetings the most interesting you have had.

2. Free Service Bulletins which will help to stimulate and maintain interest in child study.

3. An easy, dignified plan to raise money for the support of your activities.

4. A special group subscription rate which will bring THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE within the reach of every member!

MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!

Group Service Bureau

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE
255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Please send me your "Four Ways" folder and..... copies of the Program on Child Training. I am especially interested in your
( ) money raising plan.
( ) group subscription rate.

Name .....

Address .....

City .... State.....

Organization .... Membership.....

12G-29

If a Child Has "Taking Ways"

(*Continued from page* 15)

she planned to adopt him, only to find that he stole everything on which he could lay his hands, in his own home, among the neighbors, at school, in fact everywhere he could ply his thieving propensities. Punishment availed nothing. My conversation with the boy revealed that, in the orphanage, which was far from a good one, none of the children had ever been allowed any personal possessions and life there was of a distinctly communal sort. I suggested to the mother that she fix up a room for this child for his very own, that she gradually stock it with things, which he was to know were his own, and that a constant effort be made to teach him the distinction between "mine" and "thine." At the same time, I urged that less punishment be used. The foster mother grasped the basic need and with the most commendable patience set out to build up concepts which more fortunate children are taught much earlier. After a long struggle, she won and the stealing stopped.

This was an unusual case, and yet many children, especially where there are brothers and sisters, are used to this communal ownership and can call nothing distinctly their own. The need of sharing is an important lesson for the child to learn. But at the same time every youngster should know the joys and privileges of ownership if he is to distinguish between mine and thine.

THE second pitfall in the development of a sense of ownership, namely a failure to grow attached to possessions, may arise in the child who has too many things. Some children whose parents grant every whim the child may have get so many things that the youngster's interest and affection are diluted to such an extent that the loss of one object means nothing. These boys and girls are especially apt to be careless about money and in later life may even turn up as forgers, bad-check passers, and the like. It is the wise parent who knows when to call a halt in giving gifts to his children.

The third pitfall centers around the child who is never sure whether the objects given to him are his or not. He is the youngster who suffers from too much parental guidance. Frequently the parent hedges in the child by so many restrictions, so many "don'ts" and "can'ts" that the child grows bewildered as to who really owns the articles. If a mother persistently says "you mustn't do this" or "you'll break it" or "you mustn't do that or you'll get it dirty" or "you mustn't do the other thing for fear you'll make a noise" or any one of the other countless prohibitions which parents unthinkingly press upon their children, then clearly the child's possessions may have little personal meaning to him. Instead, he is likely to feel somehow that they are his mother's and that he has them on sufferance. As one youngster put it, "You can have it now, Mother," after which he walked

(*Turn to next page*)

GIFT BOOKS

Smoky
by WILL JAMES
author of "Sand," etc.

An animal story with an irresistible appeal. The latest addition to the famous series, "The Scribner $2.50 Illustrated Classics for Younger Readers," with new James color illustrations, it is more than ever the perfect gift book for younger readers.
With full-page illustrations in color and black and white by the author. $2.50

American Folk and Fairy Tales
Selected by RACHEL FIELD

A host of amusing folk-tales, culled from Indian lore, colonial legends, and the best negro animal stories, are in this beautiful gift book, a refreshing novelty in fairy and folk books.
With about 50 illustrations (8 in color) by Margaret Freeman. $3.00

from "Smoky" by Will James

Arabian Romances
by H. I. KATIBAH
author of "Other Arabian Nights"

The spirit of the East lives in every colorful story in this book, composed of delightful romances, fables, and folk-lore heard by the author in his boyhood days in Syria.
With illustrations in color and line by W. M. Berger. $2.00

Toad of Toad Hall
by A. A. MILNE
author of "When We Were Very Young"

A play from Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind in the Willows."

The creator of "Winnie the Pooh" has taken in hand that delicious braggart, Mr. Toad, his friends and persecutors, and woven their delightful antics into a play that will be a joy to children of all ages. *Boards.* $1.25

In the Zoo
by W. REID BLAIR, D.V.Sc., LL.D.
Director and General Curator, New York Zoological Park

This book tells how animals are cared for in the zoo, how they are fed, how they are treated when they are sick, etc., with scores of interesting and amusing anecdotes of the wild creatures.
Profusely illustrated from photographs. $2.50

at all bookstores

Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue **New York**

You Parents will Enjoy

GIANT

Playground Apparatus

as much as the

Children Will

Approved
By the Experts and Readers of The Parents Magazine

Giant Joy-Jym

Not in the same way, of course, but in peace of mind and relief from having to entertain the kiddies. No more, "Mother, what will we do now?" The fun and constant enjoyment they get out of Giant Apparatus will more than pay you for what you put into it. And, too, the fact that Giant products are made of the toughest kind of hard wood and rust-proof metal, gives added peace of mind.

Booklet and New Low Prices Sent on Request

GIANT MFG. CO.

DEPT. T-19

Trenton, N. J., or Council Bluffs, Iowa

$50 EXTRA

Without Leaving Your Home

You can earn it easily, simply by telephoning other mothers and fathers, and telling them about THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE.

Thousands of dollars will be paid out this month to mothers like yourself who devote only their spare moments to this easy, profitable work.

Get Your Share of this Xmas Money

Now is the time when profits are highest. Your friends will welcome the suggestion of gift subscriptions. You can double your earnings on a single order!

Fill Out and Mail the Coupon Below NOW

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE
255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Please send me immediately your spare-time, money-raising plan.

Name.....

Address.....

1229-E

City.....*State*.....

If a Child has "Taking Ways"

(*Continued from page* 81)

off and showed not the slightest interest in his new and expensive plaything. Parental supervision is often particularly unhappy in regard to money. Allowances are granted, perhaps liberally, but they are usually apportioned by the parent; five cents goes here, ten cents goes there, and so on. The child has almost no say in the matter. One little boy expressed his reaction to such treatment by showing no interest whatever in a coin given him, simply leaving it on the table. When asked if he didn't want it, his illuminating reply was, "No, if I can't get an ice-cream cone with it." Ownership implies the right to do with a thing as one pleases; there can be no sense of possession if what is possessed is forever under the control and direction of another. The child must be given full use of his belongings. In no other way can there be real evidence to the child that the objects are his.

LET me now recapitulate the points brought out in this discussion. To begin with, it was noted that all children in their infancy have "taking ways" and that, as they grow older, they have to learn to distinguish between things which are theirs and things which are not. Of supreme importance in learning this distinction is the development within the individual of a sense of ownership. This development encounters difficulty, first, if the child has no objects of his own, around which to build a feeling of possession; second, if the child has so many objects that his feeling of possession becomes diluted; and third, if the child is not allowed full latitude in the use of his possessions.

Taking things which belong to another becomes stealing at the time when the child should be observing the distinctions "mine" and "thine" and yet is not doing so. In other words, stealing is a form of activity which can not be considered a moral problem unless beyond a certain age in the child's growth it has not stopped.

Similarly most transgressions against accepted standards are childish tendencies which for some reason have not been dropped but have been carried on into adolescent or adult life. Therefore when a child reaches the age at which his acts may be termed bad or delinquent and the same childish tendencies are still continuing, we can rightfully say that the home training is registering failure, that previously when the child's mind was still plastic, it had not been schooled in the teachings necessary for everyone's adjustment to the rules society has made for us all for our mutual protection. There has not been built up within the child the indispensable checks and safeguards which should protect him against his immature impulses. He is not responsible for his transgressions; the responsibility lies with those who trained him.

And Santa Told Me He Would Bring You

NATURE MAGAZINE

The Most Beautiful Magazine of Its Kind

Full of interesting articles and beautiful pictures, many in color, about Birds, Animals, Flowers, Fish, Insects, the Skies, all the fascinating things of NATURE and the OUTDOORS. It will come not only at Christmas Time, but every month during the year. Many an evening we will spend together reading about the natural beauties that surround us. Together we will acquire that well-rounded Nature culture which the times demand of educated people.

A Special Christmas Offer of 10 Issues for Only $1.50

The regular subscription price is $3.00 per year, 35c per copy.

I know he won't forget you because I am sending him a reminder tonight

---

NATURE MAGAZINE
1214 Sixteenth St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

I wish to take advantage of your Christmas offer of ten big issues of NATURE MAGAZINE for only $1.50. My (check-money order) for $..... is enclosed.

Name .....

Address .....

City and State .....

P-1

Litho Plate

THE BLACKBOARD THAT TEACHES

In addition to the blackboard and desk—the wonderful charts illustrating birds, butterflies, animals, flowers, flags, etc., make a LITHO PLATE Educational Blackboard the universal favorite of every child.

Gratify, under carefully developed leadership, your children's inclination to express themselves—and relieve yourself of the necessity of finding something for them to do. Let them learn while they play—the ideal system indorsed by many leading juvenile educators.

If your local merchant cannot supply you, we will be glad to send you a LITHO PLATE Educational Blackboard, as illustrated, with 40 educational charts and unbreakable, slated blackboard, $4.95, or one having 60 educational charts with 30 charts in color, at $5.95, f.o.b. Muncie, Indiana.

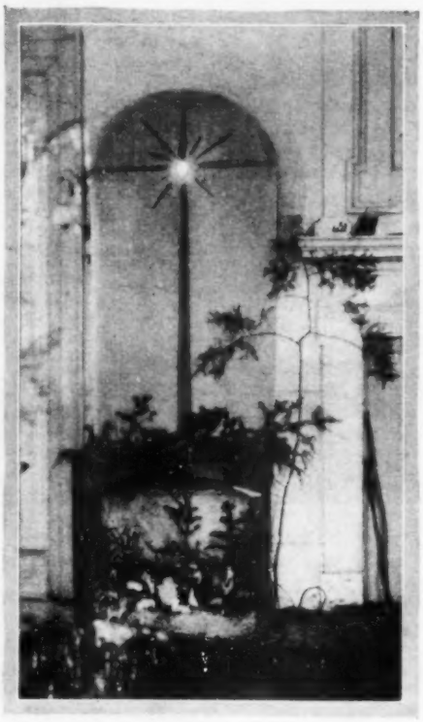
Richmond
School Furniture Co.
Muncie, Indiana, U. S. A.

Family Fun

Things for Parents and Children to Do Together

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED FASHIONING A CHRISTMAS SCENE? This is a project on which all the members of the family can work together. When the scene is completed it may be used as a mantle decoration or placed on a small table or on the top of book shelves, or a convenient corner of the living room may be devoted to it. Claudius G. Pendill of Newburyport, Massachusetts, father of two little girls, sends the following description of how his family co-operated on such a project.

"We worked out a little Christmas scene which took about a month of the spare time that we and our two little girls, six and three years old, could devote to it. As shown by the photograph it was a miniature representation of The Nativity. The children spent an entire Saturday afternoon painting green the outside of the box in which the manger scene is set. It took another Saturday afternoon to make the inside brown, after we had inspected our own stable to see how it should look. Evergreen twigs were glued upright inside in lieu of posts, and a piece of wall paper, rather mottled, to resemble stone, was used for the background. The figures of the Holy Family, Magi, and shepherds were purchased from a store that sells church supplies. The sheep and other animals came from a Noah's ark, but they can be purchased separately.



This Christmas scene, in which figures of the Holy Family, the Magi and the shepherds are arranged against a background representing a stable, was made by two small children and their parents

"The children cut the rays for the star themselves out of yellow crepe paper. My part was to make a three-piece framework for the back and attach it to the box so that it would be steady, to arrange the lighting, to make suggestions now and then and to help when called upon. The finished scene was lovely. A blue cambric sky arched over it, the rays of the star were golden, the lighting effects were soft and glowing. The children showed it to everyone who came in, turning on the lights, and displaying with pride Baby Jesus lying in the manger, showing how they had covered Him with cotton batting to keep Him warm.

"We felt that in working out the scene together the children had come to love more than ever the Christmas story and to feel the deep underlying significance of the day."

EDITORIAL NOTE: We shall be glad to furnish upon request information as to where figures of the Holy Family, shepherds, Magi and animals can be purchased. Readers who follow this suggestion of making a Christmas scene are invited to send in photographs of the finished representation. Address Editor, Family Fun Department, The Parents' Magazine, 255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

POPCORN MEN—One of our favorite family pastimes during the winter season when the snappy cold days draw us around the open fire, is that of a popcorn-man contest. Such a contest usually occurs after supper or on Sunday afternoon when we are all together. Dad pops the corn and while it is popping Mother makes the sirup for popcorn balls. When it is ready it is kept in a pan of warm water so it will not harden too fast. As soon as the corn is popped it is poured into pie pans, one for each member of the family. Next the sirup is poured over it, and then comes the fun.

Each member of the family fashions a man out of his popcorn by making a small ball for the head, a larger one for the body and two small flattened ones for the feet, while two elongated ones form the arms. Each one tries to make his masterpiece the most attractive, the ugliest or the most comical, as his fancy dictates. Raisins and red cinnamon drops furnish material for eyes and costume decorations. When the masterpieces are finished a vote is taken to see which member came nearest the goal selected. Then everyone falls to, and eats his masterpiece with much enjoyment.—*L. A. W., Alexandria, Missouri.*

What to Do in Case of Fire

(*Continued from page* 31)

directed towards saving life and that fire extinguishment should be secondary to rescue work. The same thing should apply to the householder's efforts before the fire department arrives. Get everybody out, particularly those on upper floors, before taking time to attack the fire. Of course, there are cases where minor fires discovered in their incipiency should be put out at once with whatever means may be handy, but it must be remembered that a fire sometimes spreads with surprising rapidity and that no chances should be taken of leaving children upstairs where the chance of escape may be cut off by the spread of the flames.

Fires in clothing may be put out with water or by means of any fire extinguisher, but the quickest method usually is to wrap the victim in a coat or rug smothering out the flames. A person whose clothes are on fire should never run, as to do so simply fans the flames and increases the fire. Burns of any magnitude should be treated at once by a physician. A serious burn constitutes a severe shock to the entire system and may have consequences much more serious that at first indicated. Prompt medical attention is of utmost importance in such cases. First-aid treatment for burns is, of course, also important. Covering the burned part with a paste made of baking soda and water has been the standard household remedy for years. Treatment by application of oil or proprietary preparations especially designed for this purpose is also indicated. There should be included in every household first-aid kit something for the treatment of burns.

WHEN once out of a burning building it is a good rule never to reënter it except for the purpose of making rescues. Human life is much more valuable than any money or jewelry and one should never take a chance on loss of life for the sake of saving valuables. If it is necessary to go through smoke-filled rooms in order to reach children or to get out of the building, remember that the air is always best near the floor. Sometimes it is possible to pass through a room on one's hands and knees where standing up would mean being burned or suffocated. Avoid as far as possible inhaling hot smoke. If it is necessary to make a dash through flame, hold the breath while doing so for burns caused by inhaling flame are often fatal.

While fires sometimes spread through houses with great rapidity it should be noted that any type of solid construction offers some barrier to the spread of flame. An ordinary wooden door may require some minutes for the fire to burn through, thus giving the occupant of a room appreciable leeway in escape. People have broken their necks in jumping from the windows of burning buildings while firemen were in the very act of raising ladders. If there is any

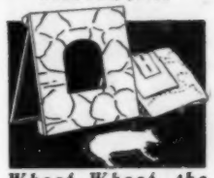
(*Turn to next page*)

PLAYSKOOL, *the Home Kindergarten. Selected kindergarten materials housed in an attractive, sturdy desk. The leading product of* PLAYSKOOL *Institute. Price, $16.50*

GIFTS *that become part of their lives . . .*

Playskool Institute Products Teach as They Entertain

PLAYSKOOL *Peggy Box,—a fascinating peg-board outfit. May be used with or without* PLAYSKOOL, *the Home Kindergarten. In painted wood box, $3.00*



Whoof Whoof, the Brown Bear Bean Bag Game. Fun to make — fun to play! Price $1.25

YOUR child's Christmas gifts should provide pleasure and entertainment, of course. But PLAYSKOOL Institute products offer more!

—In addition to happy hours of amusement, they also offer your child a means of self expression, an outlet for creative instincts and opportunity to make things and learn things.

PLAYSKOOL, The Home Kindergarten, Whoof Whoof, The Brown Bear Bean Bag Game, PLAYSKOOL Peggy Box, the KNOWOOD Kit and the Little Peggy Box are all founded on the PLAYSKOOL idea of "learning while playing." All are sponsored and approved by the PLAYSKOOL Institute Council of child educators, practical teachers and parents.

If you are not yet acquainted with the PLAYSKOOL idea use the coupon below to order one or more of these products or at least the "Get Acquainted Package." Then you will know why these are gifts that become "part of a child's life."

KNOWOOD, *24 wood studies, in a strong wood box. Each species labeled, with pictures of leaves and seeds of tree. Price $2.00*

Little Peggy Box, — a smaller peg-board set in a sturdy cardboard container, $1.00

PLAYSKOOL INSTITUTE
594 COMMERCE ST. MILWAUKEE, WIS.
A DIVISION OF JOHN SCHROEDER METAL CORPORATION

Dealers, everywhere, sell PLAYSKOOL INSTITUTE *Products*

PLAYSKOOL INSTITUTE 12-P-29
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gentlemen: Please send me the items checked below for which I enclose $.....

☐ One PLAYSKOOL Home Kindergarten	@	$16.50
☐ One Whoof Whoof Bean Bag Game	@	1.25
☐ One PLAYSKOOL Peggy Box	@	3.00
☐ One Little Peggy Box	@	1.00
☐ One KNOWOOD Kit	@	2.00

Name.....

Address.....

City..... State.....

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

A Christmas Gift!

Remembered For Years

That Can Be Used 365 Days a Year—Indoors and Outdoors for—Health—Exercise and Pleasure

Lightning Speed; yet Safe — the Rubber Tires grip the pavement and prevent slipping. You can Stop with 4 Wheel Brakes. Ball-bearing wheels spin ten times longer and outlast steel 2 to 1. For sturdy bodies and stronger ankles get **"CHICAGOS"** A Great Gift!

"OUR GANG" They get **Speed Without Noise** on their "**CHICAGO**" Rubber Tire Skates.

"CHICAGO"
TRADE MARK REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.
Rubber Tire Roller Skates
"Speed Without Noise"

FREE BOOK Full of games and instructions. Tells how to stop with 4 Wheel Brakes, etc.

Get This ROLL ON *Rubber* Club Pin

Be a winner in all Roller Skate Races. Get beautiful gold finish skate pin, membership certificate and Booklet "How to Roller Skate." All for Dealer's name and 10 cents to cover postage.

CHICAGO ROLLER SKATE COMPANY
Established Over ¼ Century
4448 W. Lake Street Chicago, Ill.

No. 101 Double Tread "Triple-Ware" Steel Wheels. The finest, strongest and longest lasting skate made. Same features as our 181 only Steel Wheels that outwear any other steel wheel made — 2 to 1. **Price $2.25**

No. 181 Combination Super Skate for Boys, Girls and Grownups. Price $4.00. From Dealers or sent direct (Postpaid) on receipt of price and dealer's name.

For HEALTH'S Sake—Roller Skate

A good suggestion for a good toy-Tinker Toys

-and many more.

The TOY TINKERS, Inc. EVANSTON, ILL. U. S. A.

THE LITTLE TINKER RED MEN IDENTIFY THE GENUINE

What to Do in Case of Fire

(*Continued from page* 85)

possible chance of outside aid, it is a good rule never to jump from an upper story window unless the fire is actually burning your back.

Rope fire-escapes attached to substantial hooks in the window casing are sometimes provided as a means of emergency exit. These are good provided the occupants of the home know how to use them and provided that the rope is not rotten. Like any other type of safety device, a rope fire escape must be inspected periodically and used in drills; otherwise it may give a false sense of security and be worse than useless.

Water is the oldest and best recognized fire extinguishing material and for a fire in ordinary combustible materials a bucket or dipper full of water applied while the blaze is in its incipiency cannot be bettered. Water buckets placed strategically throughout the home would be an excellent fire fighting measure, but as a practical matter it would only be in a very exceptional household where these pails would be kept in place and kept full.

BECAUSE of its convenience, a regular fire extinguisher is generally far preferable to the pail of water for home use. But the fire extinguisher is likely to be almost worse than useless unless it is examined and recharged periodically, protected against freezing (unless of a non-freezing type), and kept in a designated convenient location. There are a number of different types of extinguishers and it is sometimes rather difficult to advise which is best for home use. Those most frequently found are the soda-acid, the foam, and the carbon tetrachloride types. The soda-acid extinguisher furnishes a good stream suitable for extinguishing fires in ordinary combustible materials, but is not suitable for fire in gasoline or hot grease. It must be protected from freezing. The foam extinguisher delivers a stream of foam which acts as a blanket on the burning substance and extinguishes primarily by cutting off the air. This type is good on gasoline or grease fires, as well as on fires in ordinary combustible materials. This type also must be protected against freezing. The carbon tetrachloride extinguisher sometimes referred to as a "pump gun" contains about a quart of liquid which is discharged by operating a pump. This device is particularly suitable for use on automobiles. The liquid is adapted for extinguishing gasoline fires and because electrically non-conducting may be used on fires in electric wiring. It does not require protection from freezing. There are a good many other kinds of extinguishers, each of which has particular features to recommend it. It is rather difficult for the layman to select just what is right and the best advice that can be given is that purchasers should always look for the label of the Underwriters' Laboratories

on the extinguisher as evidence that the device has received a disinterested, impartial test and that it is reliable and will perform its designed function in time of emergency.

The type of fire which is most feared, particularly where there are children, is that originating at night when everybody is asleep and assuming serious proportions before it is discovered. It is in this type of fire that perhaps the largest number of fatalities occur in the home. The construction of the building, the arrangement of the stairs and hallways, has a great deal to do with the probable spread of fire. "Fire-stopping" is probably the most important single factor of residence building construction from the viewpoint of fire-safety. In the prevailing type of house construction the walls and floors have hollow spaces. Unless proper care has been taken in construction it will usually be found that these spaces connect with each other and in effect act as flues, reaching from the basement to the attic. A fire originating in the basement, in a closet or other out-of-the-way place is likely to creep up through these concealed spaces and thus involve the whole house almost before it is discovered. "Fire-stopping" consists in closing off these open spaces in the walls and floors at intervals so that there is no free path for the spread of fire. If done when the house is built, the expense involved is almost negligible. It may not be practicable, however, to apply "fire-stopping" to an existing building. In such cases the most effective measure that can be taken is to protect the basement ceiling completely from wall to wall, leaving no holes or cracks, using plaster on metal lath or a substantial gypsum wall-board.

MANY houses are so arranged that the halls and stairways furnish a natural path of travel for any fire originating in the basement or first floor. It is particularly desirable to have some other means of escape available, bearing in mind the possibility that the main stairway may be impassable, due to fire or smoke. A second stairway located at some distance from the main stairway may be invaluable. Whatever the construction of the house, it is unwise to have children sleeping in remote rooms where they could not be reached or awakened in time of fire.

An automatic fire alarm to discover and report any fire in its incipiency will go a long way towards minimizing the dangers of night fires. Fire alarm systems may now be installed in the home at an expense which is not prohibitive. These are operated automatically by the heat of the fire and give timely warning, permitting the escape of the occupants of the building and minimizing the property damage by getting water on the fire before it has reached serious proportions. As in the case of fire extinguishers, an automatic fire alarm system unless of proper type and kept in working order is almost worse than useless; purchasers should select a system listed by Underwriters' Laboratories and make sure that proper inspection and maintenance service will be available.

To Which of These Products Would You Award This Seal?

ADVERTISING STANDARDS

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE accepts only advertisements of reliable products, accurately described.

In passing on advertised products and the claims made for them, we use the same high standards as in selecting our editorial material.

In applying these advertising standards, we have the advice of our editors and associate editors, and other leading experts in the field of health, education, child welfare, nutrition, clothing, play equipment, the arts, etc.

Instead of having a relatively small analyzing and testing laboratory of our own, we use, whenever necessary, the facilities of Teachers' College, Columbia University, and what we believe to be the most reliable commercial laboratory in this city.

In using therapeutic products, readers are advised to consult their own physician.

President, Parents' Publishing Association, Inc., Publishers of THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE

Every product you see advertised in THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE has been scrutinized by our experts and, in their opinion, conforms with our advertising standards. Those to which the Seal has been already awarded use in their advertisements in this magazine this special symbol in lieu of the entire Seal.

Approved
By the Experts and Readers of "The Parents' Magazine"

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE awards the Seal of Approval reproduced above to outstanding products. It certifies that the products have been approved by the magazine's qualified experts and that they have also been endorsed by a preponderantly favorable vote of readers who have used them.

The products listed on the coupon below are now applying for the Seal. Won't you give us the benefit of your experience with them? Which have you used and found satisfactory? Which would you recommend to your friends?

If you have had, by any chance, an unfavorable experience with any of the products, please write us in detail about it. No product will receive our Seal of Approval if you and other readers have justifiable reason to express dissatisfaction with it.

Will you check on the list below the products you approve, and also write in the space provided the names of other products which you think are deserving of our Seal of Approval? By sending in the coupon you will be making your experience with these products available to parents everywhere.

Please check this list, clip it and mail to Advertising Department

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, 255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

I have checked those products which I have used and found reliable and vote that the magazine's Seal of Approval be awarded to them. It is, of course, understood that my name is not to be used as endorsing these products, nor divulged to anyone.

	Advertised on page
☐ "Help Self" Costumer	97
☐ "Pynless" Diaper	63
☐ Rubber Baby Carriage Cover	94
☐ Sentry Bunny Lamp	97
☐ Sentry Bunny Book and Toy Shelves	97
☐ Super Sieve—Rotary Colander	90
☐ "Circus" Mealtime-Playtime Vest	
☐ Twinzy Toys	

Other Products Which I Believe Deserve the Seal of Approval

.....

.....

.....

.....

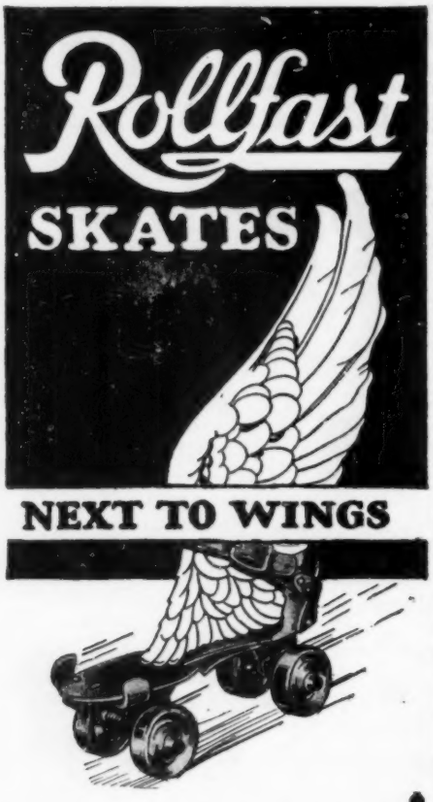
.....

.....

Name .....

Address .....

When you mail this coupon, why not send in at the same time the coupon on page 98 for booklets and free samples offered in this issue? Dec.



For Gallant Princes and Charming Princesses

YES, even in America there are many of them . . . happy, handsome youngsters for whom only the best will do. They lead their gangs on Rollfasts, as wise parents are learning that Rollfasts are truly the finest roller skates.

Without doubt, these skates are faster with their extra-big ball bearings and their smooth-rolling wheels. Easier to learn on, also. And they're safe! Low-built, sturdily made of the best skate steel, they defy the most thoughtless banging, the quickest stops, the dizziest turns.

And their Patented Flexible Reinforcement . . . found only on Rollfasts . . . lets them "give" freely without bending even when extended. They're made for long, long service: as nearly rust-proof as can be, and adjustable from 7½ to 10½" so they will never be outgrown.

Rollfasts come in bright orange boxes . . . at sporting goods, toy, hardware, bicycle and department stores.

D. P. HARRIS HDW. & MFG. COMPANY
D. P Harris Building New York, N. Y.

Things *for* Children to *Do and* to *Make*

Edited by the Playground and Recreation Association of America

TRIMMING THE CHRISTMAS TREE—To keep the children happily employed on those restless days just before Christmas, show them how to make their own ornaments for the tree. Even tiny fingers can string popcorn and cranberries into wonderful chains for festooning every bough. A bright red berry is alternated with a grain of snowy popcorn to give a delightful effect.

Save the bright-colored paper that comes into the house, smooth it and cut it into uniform strips for use in chain making. The chains are made by pasting the ends of a strip together to form a link, then passing another strip through this and pasting its ends together.

A mother who lives in the country gathered button-wood balls, acorns in cups, pine cones and similar woodland treasures. The children transformed these into pretty tree ornaments by covering them with silver and gold paint.—*A. C. H., York, Pa.*

With Paper and Glue

Here are three Christmas gifts, colorful and useful, that children will love to make.

A doorstop, a portfolio and a pair of book ends which children can make

DOORSTOP—Illustrated on the left. Fill a box with sand and see that it is closed securely. Cut from beaver board an upright in any shape desired—a comical bird is used on the one illustrated. Stamp or draw on this upright the picture or design you wish it to have. Carry out the color scheme of the design by gluing pieces of paper in the colors desired to the proper places on the pattern. Glue the upright to the box. Finish with several coats of shellac.

PORTFOLIO—The gift illustrated in the center is a combination scrap-book and desk-pad. Take a piece of stiff cardboard, 23 x 11½ inches and bend it across the width of the strip, thus forming a book. Both the outside and the inside of the portfolio are covered with colored paper, in contrasting tones. If a figured paper is used on the inside, use a plain color on the outside, or just the opposite. In the case of the portfolio illustrated, plain colors were used both outside and inside, a figure was applied to the outside cover, and paper with a design was used for the inside corners, which hold a blotter in place.

To apply the paper to the cardboard, use the best quality of liquid glue and dilute it half and half with water. Apply the glue to the back of the paper with a paint brush and press the paper to the portfolio, smoothing out all wrinkles from the center to the edges.

The outside is covered first, with a sheet of paper 24 x 12½ inches. The extra paper that laps over the edges is turned to the inside, where it is held by a glued line. Then the paper is cut for the inside cover. This should be the exact size of the inside of the portfolio, less a quarter of an inch all around. To hold a blotter to one of the inside covers, cut two corner pieces of cardboard, cover them with fancy paper, and glue them to the cover as shown in the picture.

The merry boy and bunny which decorate the outside of the portfolio were traced from a pattern with the aid of carbon paper. Then the outline was filled with bits of colored paper glued on in the proper places. A flower design cut from colored paper would also make an attractive decoration.

To stiffen the book where it is folded, apply heavy paper or gummed cloth to the crease on the outside. When the portfolio is finished, paint the outside with several coats of shellac.

BOOK ENDS—Book ends in any shape desired may be cut out by a tinsmith. Glue cardboard to the upright both back

and front and cover the uprights with paper, gluing in place. On this paper surface, stamp or draw a pattern and to the pattern glue felts in brilliant colors. You will notice that the book end illustrated at the right in the foreground simply has the figure drawn in and painted. The other one has the felt applied.

For Christmas Afternoon

HIDDEN TOYS—The following game is a variation of the old-fashioned "cobweb party." To carry it out, a few of the smaller toys must be saved as surprises. Inexpensive things such as whistles, little dolls, jumping jacks, paper and crayons and other materials for craft work are suitable.

Early in the afternoon, while the children are still busily playing, attach each of the remaining toys to the end of a string and hide it in a closet or drawer or under a pillow. Then string the cord around door-knobs, chair-rungs, bedposts, etc., from one room to another, always taking care to keep it within reach of little hands. Each toy should have a different cord and a different hiding place. The cords may cross each other to make the treasure hunt more complicated.

When all is complete, summon the children and give each one the end of a cord and a stick or spool upon which to wind it. Start them at the final end of the cord, working back and winding up the cord as they go.—*E. M. Q., New Rochelle, N. Y.*

SANTA CLAUS HANDSHAKE—This jolly game will start the fun of the Christmas party. One of the players is secretly appointed to be Santa Claus. General handshaking ensues, the object being to shake the hand of the incognito Santa, who keeps count of the number of handshakes he receives but does not reveal his identity until thirteen players have greeted him. He then announces himself and awards a suitable prize to the lucky thirteenth handshaker.

MERRY CHRISTMAS—This variation of the old game of "buzz" fits nicely into the Christmas fun. Someone begins the game by saying "one." The player next to him says "two" and so on until the number "seven" is reached. The player to whose lot this number falls must not say it but must respond with "Merry Christmas" instead.

Thus the counting continues around the group. Each time a number containing a "seven" or one divisible by seven is reached, the words "Merry Christmas" must be substituted. For instance, fourteen, seventeen, twenty-one, etc. would be tabooed. A player who fails to use the words "Merry Christmas" when he should, or who makes use of them when he shouldn't, must drop out of the game. The one who stays longest, wins.—*A. C. H., York, Pa.*

We will pay one dollar for each contribution published in this department. Address the Managing Editor, THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, *255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.*

MAKE THIS YOUR CHILDREN'S *HAPPIEST* CHRISTMAS

Approved by the health laboratories of The Parents' Magazine, Child Life, Modern Priscilla and Junior Home.

Kiddie-Gym
BUILDS STURDY CHILDREN
Patented DE LUXE Trade Mark Reg.

Endorsed by physicians, health authorities, child welfare experts and parents everywhere. We have hundreds of letters on file to prove this assertion.

There is thrilling whole-hearted fun in store for the happy child who is presented with a KIDDIE GYM DE LUXE. Any child may swing, seesaw, climb, glide and do acrobatic stunts on this versatile apparatus. KIDDIE GYM DE LUXE satisfies the demand of parents for safe play because it keeps the kiddies in their own back yard away from dangerous traffic. Durably made of the best wood and steel, 7 ft. long, 7 ft. high and 4 ft. wide, finished in rich red and natural grain, weather proofed with spar varnish. Set up KIDDIE GYM in the playroom in winter and on the lawn in summer.

THE KIDDIE GYM CO., Inc.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Newark, N. J. Venice, Cal.

EASY ORDER COUPON
KIDDIE GYM CO., INC.
Minneapolis, Minn., or
Newark, N. J., or
Venice, Cal.

Send Kiddie Gym DeLuxe..... @ $17.50 ☐
Send Playmate Gym ..... @ $12.50 ☐
Send Complete Literature ..... ☐
Enclosed find $..... Ship express ☐ Freight ☐

NAME .....
ADDRESS .....
CITY ..... STATE .....
PM-12

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

Clapp's
ORIGINAL APPROVED
BABY SOUP
AND
STRAINED
VEGETABLES

The Badge of Health Foods
In Sealed 4-oz. Glass Jars
For Growing Babies

Prescribed by over 5000 specialists to supplement the milk diet during the toothless and teething period, these foods save mothers 24 hours a week kitchen time. Cost less than if made at home. Ready to dilute, heat and serve. They keep indefinitely when sealed and are equally convenient to use at home or traveling.

These foods supply all the mineral salts

Clapp's BABY SOUP. An appetizing combination of Beef Juice, Vegetables and Cereals.

Clapp's WHEATHEART SOUP, a combination of Vegetables, Cereals, and the Wheat Germ which supplies Food Iron and VITAMIN B.

Clapp's LIVER SOUP, Calves Liver and Vegetables for pale babies.

Clapp's STRAINED VEGETABLES. Spinach, Carrots, Asparagus, String Beans, Peas, Beets, Tomatoes, Prunes and Apricots. All are scientifically prepared from carefully selected materials, especially for growing babies, and are immensely liked by them.

Ask your Doctor and Write Us for Dealer's Name
HAROLD H. CLAPP, INC.
1331 University Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

A SIEVE THAT SAVES YOUR HANDS

The SUPER-SIEVE★ Rotary Colander

"MORE THAN A SIEVE"

Baby's First Solid Food!

Now it's easy to sieve cooked fruits and vegetables. Just pour them piping hot into the Super-Sieve Rotary Colander. Rotate handy hard wood roller and food comes through QUICKLY in smooth, puree form—just right for baby's first solid food. Saves time and labor. A remarkable Combination Colander, Sieve, Ricer, Fruit and Vegetable Press with many DAILY uses. Approved by Good Housekeeping Institute. At stores or by mail $1.50. Fully guaranteed.

THE TYLER MFG. COMPANY
Dept. C-1229 Muncie, Indiana

REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.
Pant-ease Side Pinning DIAPER

Soft, knitted, cotton material. Neat, comfy, easily put on. Especially convenient when training the baby. Sold at Dept. Stores and Shops or direct from us when not found at store. Small $2.50, Large $3.00, Extra Large $3.50 per doz. Free booklet. Infant Wear Co., Dept. 319, Perry, N. Y.

When the Baby is Teething

(*Continued from page* 21)

to tell her that her friends were well-meaning, but that their ill-omened advice had killed her baby?

That baby lived just long enough to get into the hospital. No power on earth could have saved it then; but forty-eight hours earlier, when the mother's natural anxiety was first awakened, only to be lulled into false security by the well-meaning reassurances of ignorant neighbors, something might have been done. Teething was no more at fault in this instance than was any other perfectly normal development of the little body.

Why has teething achieved its bad reputation? Is there no reason for it? Is it just a superstition? and if so, where did it come from?

Tracing the genesis of age-old error is seldom easy, and never certain; but it is worth trying, if only to satisfy curiosity. And in this case, it is not so very difficult to see at least a possible cause for the belief that teething can cause almost anything. It should be remembered that, while it is only the actual "irruption" (breaking through the surface of the gum) that is accused of producing these various ills, there is in addition considerable time before and after the breaking through when the gum is or may be tender, sore and inflamed. Then we must also remember that there are twenty separate teeth that must force their way through at some time during these relatively few years. So that at almost any time there is some tooth either just through, just coming through, just expected to come through, or just suspected of being about ready to come through! Thus there is very little time in which an illness or upset can occur, without coinciding with some noticeable activity of some one of these many teeth. It is easy to see that the situation offers an ideal soil in which the superstition of teething as the cause of all the baby's trouble can flourish.

IT would not be fair, however, to give teething an absolutely clean bill of health or to free its record of all trace of harmfulness. It cannot be denied that many a baby has a great deal of trouble with the perfectly necessary, quite universal, and usually innocuous process of teething. To many babies, this experience is so simple, so easy, so natural, so altogether painless, that the mother is amazed when she first discovers that tiny pin-point of white which is baby's first tooth. This is the ideal situation; and it is not exaggerating to say that it is the average, the normal, and the quite-to-be-expected course of events.

On the other hand, it is no simple matter, in the case of a great many infants and young children. It is not hard to see why teething might seriously lower both the child's nervous tone and his actual physical condition. In this way, fretfulness, evident pain not only at the site of the tooth itself but also along the distribution of the nerve, restlessness and sleeplessness, may all occur. Further than this, "drooling"—the secretion of an extra amount of saliva that runs out of the mouth—is normally quite evident; not only during the actual irruption of the tooth, but for a considerable period preceding this. It is probably true that little things that would hardly affect the baby at other times, and which would certainly cause no serious disturbance, may give him a good deal of trouble now because of the lowering of bodily tone brought about for the time being by painful teething.

BUT to blame teething for a whole encyclopedia of children's ills, as is so often done, is absurd, and may have serious or even tragic results. Teething *may* be a perfectly sound diagnosis, but it is never a sound diagnosis to make, nor a safe one, unless and until every other possible cause of trouble has been investigated, and found to be innocent. It is best to let it alone: this is safe in the great majority of instances. Paradoxical as it may seem, the discomfort attending teething is frequently lessened by allowing the child to chew on a piece of hard toast, or dry crust. If the pain is evidently severe and the mother feels that she must do something, there is always that good old remedy, paregoric. But wait! It is not to be given, as were certain venerable soothing syrups, to drug the child into insensibility. It is not to be given internally at all! A little bit of it is to be soaked up on a pledget of cotton, or on a toothpick or orange stick the tip of which has been wrapped with cotton; and then the gum is to be gently rubbed with this. Whether or not there is any actual absorption of the drug when used this way, seems doubtful. This measure does sometimes seem to give relief.

Should a tooth that refuses to come through ever be "rubbed through?" Probably not. This does not seem good surgery or good dentistry or good pediatrics. It does seem a bit brutal.

If it is necessary to do anything to facilitate the breaking through of a tooth,—if obvious symptoms of fever and discomfort that cannot be traced to any other cause persist for a day or two,—it may be necessary to lance the gum over the underlying point. But in this case consult the best dentist you can find.

It should be remembered that for one tooth that needs lancing there are thousands that come through with but little discomfort and no need of interference; and hundreds of thousands if not millions in which teething is absolutely uneventful, so far as the health and happiness of the baby is concerned.

It is best not to try to make sweeping statements or universal rules either way, but to remember that the individual instance must be considered each time on its own merits.

MOTHERS!...DOCTORS!

NOW—fresh, uncooked, sun-ripened vegetables for infant and child feeding can be obtained all year 'round!

VEGETIZED
fresh uncooked
SPINACH
in POWDER form

100% fresh garden spinach—carefully washed—the water removed by the famous Vegetization Process—the vitamins A, B, C, D and E and the fourteen mineral salts unchanged—reduced to a delicate powder which is used to make spinach puree, timbales, souffles and many other dishes appropriate for child feeding. Solves the problem of strained vegetables. Economical, no waste, no spoilage. Time saving. Easy to prepare. Possesses all the flavor and goodness of natural spinach. Leading doctors and health authorities recommend it.

We take only the water from fresh, clean, tender spinach . . . the remainder is milled to a fine powder, rich in vitamins and body-building mineral salts . . .

. . . which is easily and quickly made into tasty dishes which children eat eagerly!

Dealers: Write us for particulars.

VEGETIZED FOODS, INC.
616 Union Ins. Bldg., Los Angeles

(See Vegetized Tomato Adv. on Page 03

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER

4 Oz. Can *(equal to 4 lbs.)* VEGETIZED SPINACH
4 Oz. Can *(equal to 4 lbs.)* VEGETIZED TOMATO
BOOK of 50 TESTED RECIPES
$1.00 Postpaid

CUPID FINGER SLIPS

Designed to break the finger-sucking habit. Hands perfectly free; fits thumb or fingers. Combinations for more than one finger may be obtained on special order; Very Effective.

STATE AGE OF CHILD

$1.00 pair postpaid

Don't delay writing for pamphlet.
Aedith Specialty Co., Box 137, Richmond, Va.

"Mother, My Head Feels Hot"

Then's the time for a *Tycos* Fever Thermometer. It will tell you whether it is a slight cold or something more serious, calling for the services of a physician.

The first indication of many childhood sicknesses is a rise in temperature. Early knowledge of disease leads to quick recovery, if immediate preventative measures are taken. By all means include a

Tycos
Fever Thermometer

in your medicine chest. They are the same reliable fever thermometers carried by physicians everywhere. On sale at the druggists.

Taylor Instrument Companies
Rochester, N. Y., U. S. A.
Canadian Plant
Tycos Bldg., Toronto
Manufacturing Distributors
In Great Britain
Short & Mason, Ltd.,
London

Every Baby Needs a Father

(*Continued from page* 30)

to certain grimaces—and you've got to learn the trick or the baby won't talk to you or listen to you.

I admit it was hard. I am a long way from a piping soprano. But, having had a bit of experience with Swiss yodeling, the upper register was not so difficult to achieve. A bit rusty—but babies aren't fussy.

So when the baby made a little sound, I imitated it; always was good at impersonations and mimicry. If she said "yeeeeep" and stretched her mouth until she looked like Wallace Beery in a grin, I did the same. It went big. "Yeeeeep" with a wide grin, means, "Well, Old Top, here we are again. How's things, anyway?"

It took me three days to find the answer to this. It is like the plaintive call in the distance of a certain motor horn — "Peep-Peep" — not a loud, threatening PEEP-PEEP—but a tiny, intimate, cooing peep-peep. It means "Great! Dad's tickled pink to see you again. How are they treating you?" Nobody understands this but us—unless *They* read this and they wont. They're too busy gobbling up serious literature on diet, habits, clothing and so on.

ALL the time I fuss with the weighing machine, I talk and sing in a low surreptitious bass. Babies (at least from my study of this one) like bass singing, something raspy, a he-song. They object to singing off the key but they don't mind the lower register at all.

It's a great interval with us. Not long, but full of color and human interest. (The baby doesn't know she's being weighed and found gaining;) she thinks the pink silk lined tonneau of the thing is a car and she's going for a ride. I'm the engine. You ought to hear me hit on all six. My imitation of a 1917 Buick full of carbon is something Elsie Janis could never approach, never.

It is mixed with feelings of great joy and the assurance that I may be helping other ostracized fathers to find a way out (or rather in), that I write of what has happened recently. It seems that some one of the Licensed Hoverers read a piece that said a father ought to have an hour in the day with his own baby. It must have been an awful blow to them, but there it was in print. I suppose the idea was in the nature of a preventive; so baby wouldn't get him mixed up with the tradespeople and letter carrier; would know her Dad when she saw him.

So from five to six has been given me (I now know just how Lazarus felt on receiving the dogs' offering of crumbs) as my hour. And believe me, I can get in a lot of work in an hour. I am warned, of course. No jiggling up and down, no rocking, no kissing except on the top of the head—and precious little there on account of the soft, throbbing volcano of intellect which beats so perilously near the delectable surface. And I mustn't let her

(*Turn to next page*)

Baby's digestion depends upon sound teeth

BABY TEETH
Kept Clean and Sound

"My father who is a physician secured a box of BABYDENT for me when my baby first began to cut her teeth. She *enjoys* having her teeth cleaned, and I like BABYDENT very much because it has kept her teeth in perfect condition and is so easy to use."—Mrs. W. M. Young, 750 California Ave., Avalon, Pa.

BABYDENT comes in the form of a mild, pure Cream with sanitary Finger Applicators for applying it. It enables you to correctly care for those important temporary teeth upon which lifelong health and appearance depend. The formula of a leading children's dental specialist, it is designed expressly for babies from 4 months to 4 years and is the *only* dentifrice approved by physicians and dentists as safe for baby mouths. If your druggist hasn't it, mail coupon for liberal sample. BABYDENT in the attractive metal box makes a practical and welcome gift for a baby.

Babydent *for* BABY GUMS *and* TEETH

SEND FOR SAMPLE

Childent Company, Inc.
Dept. B-14, Granville, N. Y.

Send sample of Babydent Cream with Applicator and informative booklet on care of baby teeth and gums. I enclose 4c in stamps.

Name .....
Address .....
City ..... State .....

Dressing Table with Folding Wings $7.95

THE VERY LATEST DESIGN

Practical, convenient and so usable. Large and roomy. Made of beautiful birch—with patented folding wings, 30" high. Kidney shape top 24" x 16." Shelves. An artistic creation.

EASY TO FINISH

Comes complete, unfinished, ready to put together, finish and drape (as illustrated), according to your own color tastes. 15-yr.-old can do it. You save big money. Price without drapes only $7.95 prepaid. Order today. Catalog free

Geneva Mfg. Co., 20 Stevens St., Geneva, Ill.

BABY IS SAFE

Endorsed by Specialists and Mothers

The safest, most comfortable way to motor with baby. Saves mother worry and tired arms. Made of strong metal frame covered with fine leatherette, and suspended on shock absorbing springs. Folding hood. No screws or nails in upholstery. Bassinet may be instantly removed from car for use in hotel or home. Folds compactly for storage or train. DETACHABLE RUBBER-TIRED WHEELS OBTAINABLE to quickly convert Bassinet into strong attractive carriage. Makes an appreciated gift. Send for illustrated folder of Gordon Baby Motoring Accessories. Guaranteed to please or money refunded. Prices from $3.50 up. At dealers or by mail

Gordon Motor Crib Co., Inc., Dept. 412, 8 Bridge St., New York
You may send illustrated folder and name of nearest dealer
Name .....
Address .....

charming new BOOKS for CHILDREN

SCOTTIE
By M. Benson Walker
The true story of a dog—a Scotch collie who went to the World War. Illustrated in color. $2.00

STRANGE BIRDS AT THE ZOO
By Julia T. E. Stoddart
Grandfather Peacock, it is, who introduces us to many queer but delightful feathered friends. Illustrated in color and line. $1.50

IN THE SWISS MOUNTAINS
By Johanna Spyri, author of "Heidi"
Three of the best shorter stories of this best loved writer—"Ehel," "Fairy of Intra," and "Happy Heribli." Illustrated in color. $1.50

BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE ALPS
By Johanna Spyri
Another group of three delightful tales—"Jorli," "Lauri," and "Eveli," Large type. Illustrated in color. $1.50

THE WONDERFUL STORY OF SCIENCE
By Inez N. McFee
Here in one informing volume are the stories of the Stars, the Earth, Plants, Animals, Sound, Heat, Light, Electricity and Chemistry and Man himself. Profusely illustrated. $2.50

PIONEER HEROES
By J. Walker McSpadden
A companion book to the popular "Indian Heroes" and just as chock-full of adventure and romance, yet closely founded on fact. Illustrated in color and halftone. $2.00

Send for Fall Catalogue

THE BOOK OF ANIMAL TALES
By Stephen Southwold
Fabulous monsters, as well as familiar animal friends, take part in these engrossing stories. Illustrated in color and line. $2.50

THE STAY-AT-HOME BIRDS
By Mae Norton Morris
Children will meet here the birds of the winter-time—the Nuthatches, Woodpeckers, Jays and others—in a noisy, happy group. Illustrated in color and line. $1.50

THOMAS Y. CROWELL CO. 393 Fourth Avenue New York

The "Write" Gift for Children

Individual Name
DE LUXE PENCIL SETS 1.00 Post Paid
Trademark Reg.

Embossed *genuine leather case* with coin pocket, a fine ruler and a colorful assortment of lead pencils, *every piece engraved with name in 18 Kt. Gold.* A point protecter and sharpener included —*Supreme in its class.*

Junior Set — Embossed genuine leather case and 3 pencils, *name engraved in 18 Kt. Gold* 50c

Send check, money order, cash or U. S. Postage

IMPRINT PENCIL CO., Inc.
112-C Fourth Ave., New York City

4 PLAY HOUSES 4 AUTOS 1.00

Any child will while away many happy hours with these 4 beautifully colored play houses. Each one set up covers an area 11 x 13½ in.

Shipped knocked down, it is lots of fun to set them up and start each child's own play community. The 4 houses with autos are identical in construction but have different colored roofs, trimmings and flowers.

They will be shipped to you or anyone you designate postpaid on receipt of $1.00 . . . or you may pay the postman $1.00 plus postage on delivery to you if you prefer. Money back guarantee.

ART TOY CO., 10 Commercial St., Rochester, N. Y.

Every Baby Needs a Father

(*Continued from page* 91)

play with the pipes on my desk or use my cigars to chew on.

They let me use my own work room and a jollier room never was allowed to go unslicked. There's everything in it: trick lights, books, typewriters, tire gauges, miscellaneous hardware, bottles of ink; a beautiful room, unsullied by the Finnish lady who peeks in every so often with a vacuum cleaner and staggers out, totally unnerved.

I hope to tell you that this father's hour is the most colorful in the twenty-four. We don't rock—much. Only when The Hoverers are out of sight and hearing. I've got an old mission chair that approximates a backyard see-saw. With Baby on one knee and using a good half-Nelson on her fore and aft, we look like a couple of Icelanders at their native manhandling sport of Gilma. Does she like it? "Yeeeeep!" And many of them!

We have raw oranges; no strained stuff adulterated with boiled water. And the evening mess known as "formula for feeding" (how I hate that term; it insults every canon of epicureanism) is called oyster stew—without the oysters. She likes it much better under that title.

As a cordial, we use one corner of a fat rejected manuscript, if the editors didn't like it, there's somebody who does.

I'm going to get sentimental about that hour. I wonder how long—some day, do you suppose—. Looking down at that little face, wider than it is long, eyes studying the funny face above it—Hum, I wonder if we could always keep—. No I *won't* be sentimental about it. Some things you mustn't think about.

In this queer business of establishing a new, fresh baby in a household, I would make a plea that the father be included in the arrangements. He ought not to be a catch-all, an intermittent pinch-hitter. Father isn't any more microby than anybody else. He ought to insist that he have a place in the scheme of things. Even if he has to be thoroughly boiled three minutes and sprayed with a mild solution of boric acid.

To Two Shoes

One in the basket,
  One in the chair,
Grass-stained, a lace gone,
  The toes scuffed bare;
Dirty little first shoes,
  One in the chair,
One in the basket,
  Tired little pair
Running down the pathway,
  Padding up the stair,
Stumbling on the curbstone,
  Kicking in the air;
One in the basket,
  One in the chair,
I wouldn't trade the two of you
  For twenty new pair.

—*Laura Nowak Kerr.*

Doctors, educators and physicians urge you to

KEEP A SCIENTIFIC RECORD OF YOUR CHILD

Is your child above normal, normal, or perhaps a little under normal physically, mentally, or in social adjustment? How is his character developing? Are there traits which need correcting? What abilities in him are most outstanding? How can they be further developed? The importance of recognizing difficulties early enough for quick and easy correction. An amazing new development record unlike anything of its kind ever published. A scientific guide in the intelligent handling of your boy or girl.

FOR generations the conventional Baby Book has been a sentimental household document, used as a photograph album and a record of trivialities. Now two child specialists have made a real scientific record and guide to parents on their child's development from birth to the sixteenth year. In addition to the usual human, personal features, this book contains scientific records of the greatest value to parents, doctors and teachers.

A Record for the Future

The descriptive outline of child development includes the growth of intellect and personality as well as of the body. There are full directions as to the method of record-keeping. A section on family history is followed by the birth record, and a section on general health containing blanks for recording height, weight, teeth, operations, diseases and accidents. *Normal standards of development are presented for comparison with the individual record.*

The main portion of the book consists of a series of periodic divisions for recording the child's behavior at three, six, nine, twelve and eighteen months, and every year thereafter. Each section is preceded by a statement calling attention to significant facts to be observed during the period. The miscellany section provides the opportunity for keeping photographs, school report cards, prizes, letters and drawings, bright sayings, etc.

To parents interested in the development of their children this book furnishes a worthwhile opportunity for guided observation and for comparison with other children. While the material accumulated will be of great value while the child is young, it will gain in interest as the years pass. Every child will be fascinated, when he grows up, by such a record of his own childhood. And later when he has children he will be able to compare his own development with that of his children, your grandchildren.

A Perfect Gift

The Modern Baby Book and Child Development Record solves also the difficult problem of what to give the new mother. It is as beautiful as it is useful, accurate and reliable. And it will be a constant, long-lasting reminder of your thoughtfulness.

In Two Beautiful Editions

Beautifully designed and decorated, made to last for generations, THE MODERN BABY BOOK AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT RECORD *is printed in two colors, bound in buckram, pink or blue. De luxe edition, half leather, in either pink or blue. Both editions attractively boxed; and a unique feature—the box contains a file for photographs, letters, and other mementos.*

Regular edition, price $5.00
De luxe edition, price $10.00

THE MODERN BABY BOOK
AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT RECORD

by John E. Anderson and Florence L. Goodenough

THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE,
255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
Please send me THE MODERN BABY BOOK AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT RECORD.
I enclose
— $5.00 for the regular edition, — pink — blue
— $10.00 for the de luxe leather edition — pink — blue

Name.....
Address.....
City..... State.....

SENSIBLE PROTECTION USED BY SENSIBLE PEOPLE

What—the bathtub a source of danger? Yes. A Leading Accident Insurance Company finds this: *Slippery Bathtubs* injure almost twice as many Americans as Firearms do!

Thousands of thoughtful, considerate persons have welcomed SAFE-BATH MAT. It provides sure footing—positive protection against falls. Simply place it in the tub—the rubber suction cups do the rest. A sensible precaution—*particularly where there are children.* A genuine comfort for the entire family. Safe-Bath Mat makes an excellent Christmas Gift.

LEDERER MFG. CO.
1010 Beaubien St., Detroit

Lubco

If not obtainable at your Department or Dry Goods Store, send $1.50. We'll pay the postage.

SAFE-BATH MAT
Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

Furnishing the Whole-Family House

(Continued from page 27)

family luncheon table. Among these may be found several interesting modern designs of stylized wheat and floral patterns on rich cream or apricot-colored grounds. Some of the cruder potteries of provincial France or Italy are also delightful for the luncheon table or for the children's exclusive use. And from Germany comes pottery decorated with amusing little figures of imaginary animals and humans colorfully applied. This third service might be chosen in a thirty-two piece set because it will be used only on very informal occasions. An interesting fashion of varying the service of a formal dinner from course to course is in good taste if one is careful to keep each course a unit in coloring and design and the whole in the same formal spirit. For example, all of the china on the table during the soup course may be green-banded, with gold trim. For the fish course, another pattern is used, perhaps a marine motif, but green is the predominant color. Another design, also in green will be used for the main course, etc. Or one pattern may be used through the meal, each course presenting it in a different color. Mixed flowers are used to carry the color-scheme throughout. In a home where the china cabinet is well-stocked innumerable combinations may be worked out in this way by adding only a few new pieces from time to time.

THE glassware for the average family should consist of a dozen fairly heavy everyday water tumblers. The thumb-print glass is a good example of this type and is suitable for use with the 18th century English furniture now popular. A dozen footed tumblers of the etched rock crystal which is now smarter for the more formal table than the colored glassware, should be included for use with the Wedgwood service. These should not be ultra-delicate because of the type of bone-china used, but of a heavier type, perhaps that having a thick, square base. These are not easily over-turned when the children are allowed to stay up for a special dinner-party. Matching sherbet glasses, a dozen, should be included for the serving of fruit or fish cocktails, ices, etc. The formal dinner table setting, of course, calls for three types of glasses even in these prohibition days, and all must match, of course. A dozen each of champagne glasses, (now filled with ginger ale or other charged drink) and wine glasses (in which fruit juices give the correct optical illusion) should therefore be included. A dozen beverage glasses of the tall, ice-tea variety are convenient for emergency occasions. An extra dozen of colored glasses, or crystal with colored stems, might be added to the stock for use with the informal, colorful pottery services.

A very inexpensive refreshment service in glass which is a most convenient addition to any china closet is one of twenty-one pieces consisting of six

The Playroom.
220 West 98th St. New York

Constructive and Instructive

Toys:

—for the pre-school child—
—for the child up to twelve—
—Books for each age—

Nursery school equipment

Write for our new illustrated catalog

THE PLAYROOM
220 West 98th St., New York City

SAVO AIR MOISTENER

Saves Furniture, Pianos, Paintings, Plants and Makes Air More Healthful.
Fill with water, hang on back of any Radiator out of sight. Others for all types of Hot Air Registers and Pipeless Furnaces. Ideal for Homes, Offices, Schools, Hospitals, etc. Six sizes. Write for FREE Booklet.
SAVO MANUFACTURING CO.
Dept. U-12 11 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

KIT AND KAT

by Lucy Fitch Perkins

Kit and Kat are probably the most famous twins in the world, and thousands of young readers will welcome this account of their further adventures. Illustrated by the author, $1.75.

Send for free illustrated bulletin of new children's books to

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN CO.
2 PARK ST. :: :: :: BOSTON, MASS.

Make the Nursery or Playroom Irresistible!

Your Child TOO Loves Atmosphere!

IMAGINE a room with *hand painted* cut-out relief figures of the favorite Mother Goose, Story Book or Jolly Circus characters on the walls! Easier to place than pictures and so bright and lifelike. They are ideal for walls or borders, or to dress the tops of doors and windows, or when tacked to ordinary furniture to convert it into charming nursery effects. Various groups from the cradle to the college age. All dirt and dust proofed! Unique, yet inexpensive. Priced from $1.50 up.

Sold only direct. Write for descriptive literature

$4.50 for this *Unusual* Child's Lamp

16 inches high—base 8x6 inches—hand painted in bright lacquers. COMPLETE including two tone, hand painted, laced parchment shade, six feet extension cord, two-way switch.

Made in FOUR DESIGNS — Camel — Elephant — Dog — Mother Goose. Order NOW!

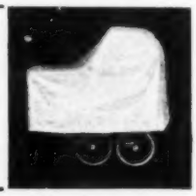
To simplify shipping, shade is sent unassembled

C. P. MEIER STUDIO,
104-108th St. Forest Hills, N. Y.

MOTHERS!

When your baby carriage is not in use cover it with a beautiful dust proof and waterproof rubber cover. Comes in maroon, grey and green. Very attractive and sanitary.
Price only $2.00.

GOLDEEN RUBBER CO.
269 W. 39th St., N.Y. City



plates, six cups and saucers, a sandwich plate and a cream and sugar set. In plain shapes which are in good taste, this service may be had in rose, green or amber glass and because of its moderate price (it sells for less than $5) two or three sets may be kept for entertaining on a large scale.

IT IS of course the pride of every housekeeper to have a set of sterling silver. This should be chosen in a pattern appropriate to the Wedgwood and the 18th century rock crystal glass, and there should be an everyday service in plate. Moderately priced sets in several popular and simple designs are sold in complete service-for-six introductory chests. The plain patterns with little chased work on them are the best selection because these will naturally be in constant use and are more easily kept polished than the more intricately patterned services. For the children's table, or for luncheon or informal suppers, the stainless steel knives and forks with handles of colored composition are excellent both from a practical and a decorative point of view. These may be chosen in a color that brings out the brightest note in a blocked linen cloth.

In table coverings, the waterproof cloths in damask designs are invaluable to the woman who has the family laundry done at home and who has small children. These cloths are flannel-backed so that no table pad is necessary and are simply finished with hemstitching. They are available in white or in any of several pleasing pastel colors. While they resemble oilcloth in texture, they are dull in finish and come in designs copied from damasks so that they may be used for luncheon tables as well as for breakfast. Dull-finished oilcloths, also flannel-backed, are also made up in mat sets and square cloths of various sizes and are vari-colored in gay, floral patterns. All of these may be cleansed by simply rubbing a damp cloth over them. Two of these mat sets and two simple, hemstitched linen cloths, one in natural color and one in a solid color, are sufficient for the breakfast linens for the average family. Matching napkins, will, of course, be included with the linen sets, and with the waterproofed cloths, the dainty, colored paper napkins (of which there is an extra size for children) or plain natural linen (heavy) napkins may be used. Two of the fifty-four-inch waterproof cloths, one in peach, one in green, perhaps, may be used for the family luncheon table. A French applique luncheon set, one color appliqued on another; one all white, embroidered luncheon set; one gay, hand-blocked linen set with hem in solid color and solid colored napkins, and a printed crash set for everyday use will meet the average woman's needs for luncheon linens. Four bridge sets, all alike so that the service will be uniform for a four-table bridge party, may be included in the informal linens. These will be lovely in lemon-colored French handkerchief linen with hemstitching.

For the more formal linens, six cloths should comprise the average home

(*Turn to next page*)

Santa Says –
"The Newest and Most Popular Gift in My Sack"

Excel
ELECTRIC
TOASTOY

Makes Real Toast in a Jiffy!

Every girl wants one! And the boys like it, too, because it makes delicious half-size slices of toast that taste so good at breakfast, after-school lunches or "tea parties." TOASTOY is a toy size electric toaster, but just as neat and durable as mother's full size toaster.

Finished in gleaming nickel. Comes complete with beautiful red silk cord and plug. Safe and practical for any child to operate. Operates from any 110 or 115 volt light socket. BRAND NEW THIS CHRISTMAS. If your dealer cannot supply you, use coupon below. Money-back guarantee.

Made by the makers of the famous EXCEL Electric Corn Popper

only $1.00 $1.25 West of Denver

THE EXCEL ELECTRIC CO., DEPT. PM-129, MUNCIE, INDIANA, U. S. A.
Send one Excel TOASTOY postage prepaid, packed in beautifully colored special gift box. Enclosed find one dollar ($1.25 West of Denver).

NAME ..... ADDRESS.....
CITY ..... STATE .....

Turn to pages 6, 7, and 8 for an interesting and diversified listing of schools and camps.

40 feet of "line"
In 3-foot Floor Space

Saves Steps and Labor

Ideal for children's things, lingerie, hosiery, all home laundering, the Pease Clothestree is beautifully made—a lifetime convenience that gives all the space you need, yet fits into a 3-foot nook or corner. Finest hardwood and pressed steel patented construction—solid, rigid, handsomely finished, 5 ft. 10 in. high. Revolving post with 36 self-locking arms, silent, smooth-running casters save steps and labor. Endorsed by leading authorities. Thousands in use. At high-grade dealers or

Sent on 10 Days Free Trial

You risk nothing. If not delighted with its use your money will be instantly refunded and we will pay return charges.

In White and Colors

When ordering, state your choice of Eggshell White, Mandarin Red, Delft Blue, Jade Green or Canary Yellow in smooth, glossy enamel finish. Arms are smooth natural finish. Remit with order or C. O. D. Postpaid $10 in U. S. A.

Pease Clothestree

H. G. WOOD MFG. CO.
10 MAIN ST., DEXTER, ME.

DEALERS:
Write for details today

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

The SNUGGLE RUG *. . . a gift to please both Mother and Baby*

THE safe, warm comfort in the dainty wool Snuggle Rug makes it an ideal gift for Christmas—or for the new baby at any time—that cannot fail to please. It may be had in pink, blue or tan, trimmed in matching satin ribbon and closed with a zip of the Talon slide fastener that keeps the Snuggle Rug closed to any desired point.

The round, set-in bottom leaves baby plenty of room to kick his active little feet and the wide top may be turned either up or down. For Baby's comfort and safety and for his mother's peace of mind—give a Snuggle Rug for Christmas.

SNUGGLE RUG *for Baby*

SNUGGLE RUG COMPANY
215 N. Seventh St., Goshen, Ind.
Popularly priced at leading department and infants' wear stores. Mail coupon for circular, prices and name of nearest store.

Name.....

Address.....

Furnishing the Whole-Family House

(*Continued from page 95*)

stock. Of these cloths, one should be an ivory linen damask of finest quality. (Ivory is smarter than pure white.) A period design appropriate to the period of the furniture and other table equipment should be the pattern of this cloth. While there are no hard and fast rules regarding these period designs, if the dining room is Duncan Phyfe, for example, a cloth using the Sheraton rose as motif would be in keeping. This cloth might be a large size, chosen for use at Thanksgiving and Christmas when all the relatives assemble. A dozen napkins will be needed with this cloth. The second best cloth might be a size smaller, and also in ivory, the pattern a copy of the Wedgwood pattern of the china. (Cloths copied from Lenox and Haviland designs are also available.) If the dining room is oak or one of the more sturdy types, a table cloth of natural linen, with filet might be selected as one of the more formal cloths. Threads of color are now smartly interwoven into these filets and effective settings may be arranged by carrying out, in the china and glass service, the color combinations thus suggested.

BECAUSE of the popularity of the sheer cloth this season, one, at least, should be included in the linen closet. Either a French handkerchief linen trimmed in lace, all a creamy white, or a natural colored Italian "church linen" (that used on the altars in Italy) with a touch of Italian embroidery in self-color, is smart. The satin-band pastel damask is a classic and at least one of these cloths should be in every home. These are serviceable, colorful, and simple in design so that they may be used daily without becoming tiresome. Green is especially popular in this cloth, as it serves as a good background for many types of china, glass and flowers. Another popular medium-priced damask has a close set, all-over design and a plain banded border and another deep band of pattern on the overhang and a satin band to finish. A good design in this type of cloth is a vine or fern pattern. A peach-colored cloth is a smart selection in this design if this color is in harmony with the service to be used on it. Napkins to match each of these cloths will be used, of course, and for the last two damasks mentioned, at least a dozen napkins will be needed.

A word about flowers. Whenever possible fresh flowers should be used on the table. Do not use artificial ones. They are stiff and unnatural and not in keeping with the atmosphere which the housewife is endeavoring to create. Real flowers, no matter how humble of family or how few in number, contribute much more to the effect of the table than can be estimated in the small portion of the budget set aside for them. Garden flowers in summer, and in the winter a few hot-house blossoms add just the necessary touch of homeyness to the family dinner table.

Milk Alone is not Enough

DOCTORS say many babies need cod-liver oil daily to help keep them well and happy. Especially in winter when sunshine is scarce and milk less rich. It helps the growth of sturdy bones and sound teeth, and prevents rickets. Give it the easy, pleasant way—Scott's Emulsion. Pure Norwegian cod-liver oil whipped into a cream. This way even tiny infants digest and retain it perfectly.

SCOTT'S EMULSION
SUMMER SUNSHINE FOR BABIES
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 29-3

Recommended PATTERNS

McCALL printed patterns may be bought at leading stores throughout the country and from THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, 255 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

No.	*Price*	*No.*	*Price*
5821	50 cents	5911	35 cents
5779	35 cents	5332	35 cents
5967	35 cents	5914	30 cents
5934	35 cents	5920	35 cents
5938	35 cents	5932	35 cents
5920	35 cents	3928	45 cents
4776	35 cents	5909	45 cents

CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS FOR BIRDS AND CHILDREN
With My 2-in-1 Bird Feeders
A Feeder in Winter, Wren House in Summer—$2.50 Post Paid

Amuse and entertain by the hour. Teach love of nature. Make ideal Christmas gifts. FREE—A liberal supply of feed sent with every Feeder. Catalog of Bird Houses, Baths, Weather Vanes, etc., FREE.
"The Bird House Man"
RODERICK PAYNE, Inc.
Box 486 Springfield, Ohio

The cleansing, healing service of a soap that's meant for you
Cuticura Soap
with a heritage of 50 years of highest commendation.
Sold Everywhere. Soap 25c. Ointment 25c. 50c.

GROUP SERVICE BUREAU

For Parent-Teacher Associations, Mothers' Clubs, Child Study Groups, Churches, etc.

Program for Discussion at Your Next Meeting

PREPARED BY THE CHILD STUDY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

THE following outline for study is based on the article "Christmas Gifts for the Children," by Ruth Leigh, in this issue.

How to Use This Program

Appoint a leader who will first read aloud the article on page 18. The leader should then present for discussion the various questions given below. She will next request various members of the group to take up, one by one, the Problems for Discussion. At the close of the meeting it will be found helpful for the leader to read the summary of the main points made in the article. In advance of the meeting, the various book and pamphlet references should be assigned to members of the group who will report on them at the meeting.

Questions Based on the Article

(1) What important factors are to be considered in selecting a plaything for an eight-year-old?

(2) Is there a place for the mechanical toy? Under what conditions would you give it?

(3) Why are many toys for tiny children so very large?

(4) Why do we no longer see so many embroidery and sewing outfits for five- and six-year-olds?

(5) Big blocks, sand-boxes, trains and carpentry sets are very expensive. Is there sufficient value in them for the child's development to justify their purchase for people of moderate means? Discuss this.

(6) Should a child have very few toys or very many? What considerations aside from economic ones should determine the answer to this question?

(7) Do city children need more toys than country children? Why?

(8) Can we distinguish between toys that teach and toys that merely amuse? Name a few of each. Do we need both kinds?

Points to Keep in Mind

(1) Play is not a waste of time.

(2) Toys and play materials are the legitimate tools of learning of the small child and should be carefully chosen

(3) The worth of a toy as an instrument of learning cannot be gauged in dollars and cents—some inexpensive playthings are worth much to the child.

(4) Children need a variety of toys to fulfill different purposes. No one toy can satisfy all needs.

(5) The best playthings are those which stimulate initiative and activity on the part of the child.

(6) No toy is adequate, however beautiful or costly it may be, if the child is merely audience—and the toy does all the work.

(7) A toy, to be of value, must be suited to the age and stage of development of the child.

Problems for Discussion

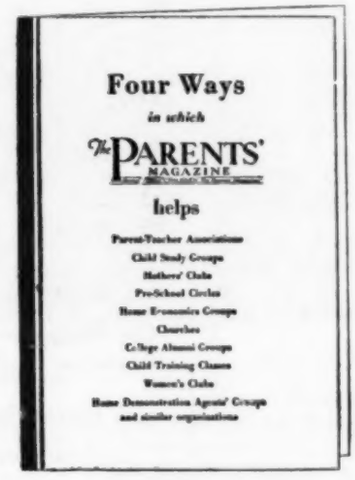
(1) Mrs. Jones was very much disturbed when her little son, aged four, insisted upon playing with a doll carriage which he borrowed from a small neighbor. He even asked his mother to get him one for his birthday. She felt it was not a suitable toy for a boy. How do you feel about it, and why?

(2) Polly, aged three, was given a set of beautifully dressed tiny dolls but continued to prefer a rather dilapidated doll that was half as big as herself. Her aunt, who had taken particular pains to select the little dolls, could not understand her indifference.

(3) Is it worth while to provide paints, crayons and clay for a child who apparently has no artistic talent?

(4) Jimmie received a $50 mechanical toy for Christmas when he was

(*Turn to next page*)



Send for This!

Send for this "Four Ways" folder which describes in detail (1) How this magazine provides interesting programs for group meetings, (2) The free service bulletins offered to groups, (3) An easy, dignified way for your group to raise money, and (4) The special group subscription rates. It will be sent, of course, without charge or obligation. Address: Group Service Bureau, THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE, 255 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

GIFTS *of Love*

Early on the Christmas morn
Down the stairs the children come—
Helen, Jimmy, Mary Kate—
Sally calls—"Oh, please do wait!"
Then when Baby Bud appears
Wrapped in blankets to his ears,
All go shouting to the tree—
"See what's here for you and me!"

Baby Bud's a "Toidey" drawn,
Ready when he sits alone—
Foot Rest makes for good position
Which will help elimination.

Sally, too, and Mary Kate,
Toidey Steps will educate—
Make it fun to go alone,
Self-Reliance build while young.

Little Jimmy claps with glee,
"Here's a Costumer for me!"
Here's a place for little shoes,
Here hang rompers --pinks and blues.

Helen finds a Bunny Lamp,
That's for Baby Bud, the scamp!
Look! The Sentry Bunny small
Holds a charming parasol!

And for her a Book-Shelf handy—
Dad says "Sure it is a dandy!"
Here she'll keep her Mother Goose
And other books from lying loose.

Last of all the Auto Seat—
For every child it can't be beat,
Keeps babies safe while seeing out,
And mother free from fear and doubt.

For more about what's told above
Write now for leaflet "Gifts of Love."

Juvenile Wood Products, Inc.
Gertrude A. Muller, Pres.
Box I FORT WAYNE, IND.

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

Certified Advertisements

All advertisements are certified as conforming to standards on page 87.

An Index to Those in This Issue and a Convenient Coupon to Request Helpful Booklets, Free Samples and Additional Information

	PAGE
Add-A-Pearl Co.	9
Aedith Specialty Co.	91
Albuquerque Civic Council	58
All Fair, Inc.	45
American Flyer Mfg. Co.	3rd cover
American Mfg. Co.	54 & 68
Anniversary Pearl Co.	56
D. Appleton & Co.	76
Architects Small House Service Bureau, Inc.	78
Art Toy Co.	92
Associated Guidance Bureau	68
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.	54
Bookhouse for Children	73
Brambach Piano Co.	51
Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.	67
Calvert School	70
Chalfonte Haddon Hall	66
Chicago Roller Skate Co.	86
Childent Company, Inc.	91
Harold H. Clapp, Inc.	90
F. E. Compton & Co.	71
Corn Products Refining Co	42
Corning Glass Works	62
Cream of Wheat Co.	33
Thomas Y. Crowell Co.	92
Cuticura Soap Co.	96
R. B. Davis Co.	41
John Day Co.	79
Directory of Schools & Camps	6, 7 & 8
Doo-Tee Corp.	62
Dowst Mfg. Co.	2nd cover
Educational Playthings, Inc.	69
Every Child's Correspondence Course	78
Excel Electric Co.	95
E-Z Cleaner Co.	64
Garrigue Globe Corp.	63
Geneva Mfg. Co.	91
Giant Mfg. Co.	82
A. C. Gilbert & Co.	43
Goldeen Rubber Co.	94
Golden Book Magazine	80
Gordon Motor Crib Co.	91
John Hancock Mutual Life Ins. Co.	79
Harper & Bros.	74
D. P. Harris Hdw. & Mfg. Co.	88
Heywood-Wakefield Co.	53
E. I. Horsman, Inc.	69
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	94
Howlett & Hockmeyer	44
Ideal Aeroplane & Supply Co.	69
Imprint Pencil Co.	92
Individual Drinking Cup Co.	40
Infant Wear Co.	90
Infants Underwear Corp.	63
Jacobs Scale Co.	66
Junior Literary Guild	5
Juvenile Wood Products	97
Kiddie Gym Co.	89
Kingsbury Mfg. Co.	66
Knapp Electric Corp.	74
Kozekar Inc.	68
Lederer Mfg. Co.	94
Lehn & Fink, Inc.	55
G. B. Lewis Company	50
Lincoln Logs	4th cover
Littlefield Mfg. Co.	78
M. F. Lonier Co.	78
Luxor, Ltd.	61
Macmillan Co.	49 & 76
Madmar Quality Co.	79
Maltine Co.	47
Mecanno Co.	59
C. P. Meier Studio	94
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co	10
National Carbon Co.	35
Nature Magazine	83
Noma Electric Corp.	70
Noteworthy Books for Parents	77
Paramount Mfg. Co.	62
Roderick Payne, Inc.	96
The Playroom	94
Playroom Equipment Co.	64
Playskool Institute	85
Q'Tips, Inc	62
Richmond School Furniture Co.	84
Savo Mfg. Co.	78 & 94
Scott & Bowne	96
Chas. Scribner's Sons	81
Simmons Co.	62
Snuggle Rug Co.	96
E. R. Squibb & Sons	46
Standard Pressed Steel Co.	65
Frederick Stokes Co.	72
Stone Straw Co	48
Sugar Institute	39
Taylor Instrument Co.	91
Toy Furniture Shop	50
Toy Tinkers, Inc.	86
Tryon Toy Makers & Wood Carvers	78
Tyler Mfg. Co.	90
Vegetized Foods, Inc.	63 & 91
Vick Chemical Co.	57
Westinghouse Lamp Co.	60
Wheatena Co.	3
Wolverine Supply & Mfg. Co.	37
H. G. Wood Mfg. Co.	95

While every precaution is taken to insure accuracy, we cannot guarantee against the possibility of an occasional omission or incorrect listing in this index.

Helpful Booklets for the Asking

Many of our advertisers offer helpful booklets and free samples. All of them will gladly send you additional information. Go through the magazine page by page and write down in the space below the names of those advertisers in whose products you are interested. We will forward your name to these advertisers and they will send you whatever booklets or free samples are mentioned in their advertisements. ***If there is a charge for the material offered, please address the advertiser direct.***

Advertising Department
THE PARENTS' MAGAZINE
255 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Please have sent to me, without obligation, the booklets, samples, or additional information offered free in your December issue by the following advertisers:

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

Name.....

Street.....

City..... State.....

When you send in this coupon, will you also send the ballot on page 87 of this issue?

Program for Discussion

(*Continued from page 97*)

eight years old but his father allowed him to use it only when he himself was present. At other times it was carefully put away where Jimmie could not get at it. Was this outlay justified and was this a reasonable attitude for the father to take?

(5) Why do all kindergartens and nursery schools spend so much of their toy allowance on large blocks? Would parents do well to follow their example?

(6) Can you explain the tremendous fascination which little cooking utensils, stoves, egg-beaters, have for the small child? Are they deservedly popular and should their use be encouraged?

Book References

PARENTS AND THE PRE-SCHOOL CHILD, by W. E. Blatz and Helen Bott. *Morrow.* $3.00.

PERMANENT PLAY MATERIALS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, by Charlotte G. Garrison. *Scribners.* $1.25.

YOUR CHILD TODAY AND TOMORROW, by Sidonie M. Gruenberg. *Lippincott.* $2.50.

Pamphlets

PLAYTHINGS (Third edition revised), *Bureau of Education Experiments,* 144 *West 13th St., New York City.* 20 cents.

BEST TOYS FOR CHILDREN, by M. S. Leonard. 2230 *Van Hise Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.* 40 cents.

PLAY AND PLAYTHINGS (Studies in Child Training Series). *Child Study Association of America, Inc.* 10 cents.

Everyday Problems

(*Continued from page 32*)

the more she struggled. This time I decided there should be no such scene. I lifted her playfully on the table, let her sit up, got her interested in Humpty-Dumpty on the Mother Goose curtain hanging alongside, next got her to see a little telephone in doctor's stethoscope, and a drum beating in his tapping the chest cavity. She was wide-eyed with curiosity and never cried or fussed at all. I left feeling that though the reclining position was doubtless the most advantageous for an examination, in many cases a *willing sitter* was much less of a strain on all concerned.—*Mrs. R. B. R., New York.*

MY CHILDREN BECAME VERY RESTLESS WHEN SITTING THROUGH A MEAL WITH GROWN-UPS.

HOW IT WAS HANDLED: As I have no maid I worked out a plan by which they might take turns serving the two or three courses of the meal, clearing the table, brushing up the crumbs and so forth. Our daughter, aged six, is gradually learning in this way, the little formalities of table setting and serving. This plan is a great help at family parties when many adults are to be served and the time to a child seems interminable.—*Mrs. G. M. F., New Hampshire.*

Select your Christmas train *wisely!*

Send the coupon for this
Great American Flyer Train Book
FREE
Its 48 colorful pages are literally a gold mine of Christmas train ideas and suggestions.

"The JEFFERSONIAN"—a narrow gauge train with reversing locomotive. One of 30 American Flyers, narrow and wide gauge.

Switch Tower House

American Flyer Speed Controlling Transformer

The new 1930 American Flyer Trains embody such unrivaled beauty, power, speed, reality and mechanical superiority, that you will surely want to see them in this colorful, 48-page train book.

A railroading textbook

The book is really a textbook on miniature railroading. In it you find page after page of wonderful passenger and freight trains, wide and narrow gauge. Such trains as the President's Special, Old Ironsides, the Eagle, the Lone Scout, the Blue Bird, and dozens of others. Also Electric Locomotives, Cars, Track Equipment, Transformers, Automatic Signals, Tunnels, Bridges, Stations, etc.

With the book, you can leisurely and wisely select each item. There are colorful illustrations, with detailed descriptions and prices. It guides you right. No disappointments!

Choice of 7 million boys

Many boys choose American Flyers because they are *real* trains—exact miniatures of the famous crack trains of the country. Other boys, because these advanced trains offer the very latest in fun-making, interest-compelling, and educational features. Still others, because skillful engineering, careful workmanship and reliable motors and transformers assure utmost operating dependability and long life.

Investigate these features

Owners of American Flyer Trains are especially proud of such features as: Automatic Ringing Bell on Locomotive, High Speed Three-Point Suspension Trucks, Automatic Signals, Electrically Remote-Controlled Track Switches, Automatic Mail Bag Catcher, Triple-Action Remote Control and Automatic Track Reverse Locomotives, Individual Car Lighting, Automatic Couplings, Brass Trimmings, Vivid Enamel Colorings, Tunnels, Bridges, etc. By all means investigate these and other exclusive fun-making American Flyer features!

Get this Sand Car FREE!

One day only — Saturday, Dec. 7th is American Flyer Day at your dealer's!

Every purchaser, on Saturday, December 7th of:

1—An American Flyer Narrow Gauge Train or Equipment amounting to $10 or more, is entitled to No. 1116 Sand Car—FREE.

2—An American Flyer Wide Gauge Train or Equipment amounting to $25 or more, is entitled to No. 4017 Sand Car —FREE

Mail your dealer's sales slip showing these purchases to us, not later than Tuesday, December 10th. We will send you the Sand Car FREE Postpaid.

"Greatest of train books"

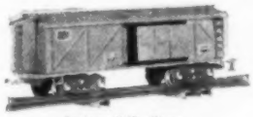
. . . is the way thousands of pleased boys describe the American Flyer Book. It not only is a textbook of railroading ideas and suggestions, but shows the complete line of American Flyer Trains and equipment. It also shows the complete line of Structo Automobile and Sand Toys, and American Flyer Airplanes. Every boy will prize the book, and most boys will keep it for permanent reference. It is the most complete catalog of high grade toys ever issued.

Watchman's Tower

Highway Flashing Signal

FREE—Mail Coupon

The American Flyer Train Book is far too elaborate and costly to send to the merely curious. However, it is gladly mailed, free and postpaid, to those who are earnestly interested in miniature trains. Ask your dealer. Or mail the coupon—today. American Flyer Mfg. Co., 2230 S. Halsted St., Chicago, Illinois.



Automobile Car

Tank Car

Caboose

The President's Special America's finest miniature train

embodies an array of fun-making features, a richness of color scheme, a wealth of solid brass and nickel trim, beyond mere words to describe. By all means, see it—at your dealer's.

"American Flyer"
REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.
Transformers Electric Trains Mechanical Trains

Electrical Trains, $6 to $75; Wind-up Trains, $1.50 to $6 (East of Rockies)

AMERICAN FLYER MFG. CO.
2230 S. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.

Please send me, without cost or obligation, the American Flyer 48-page, full-color train book.

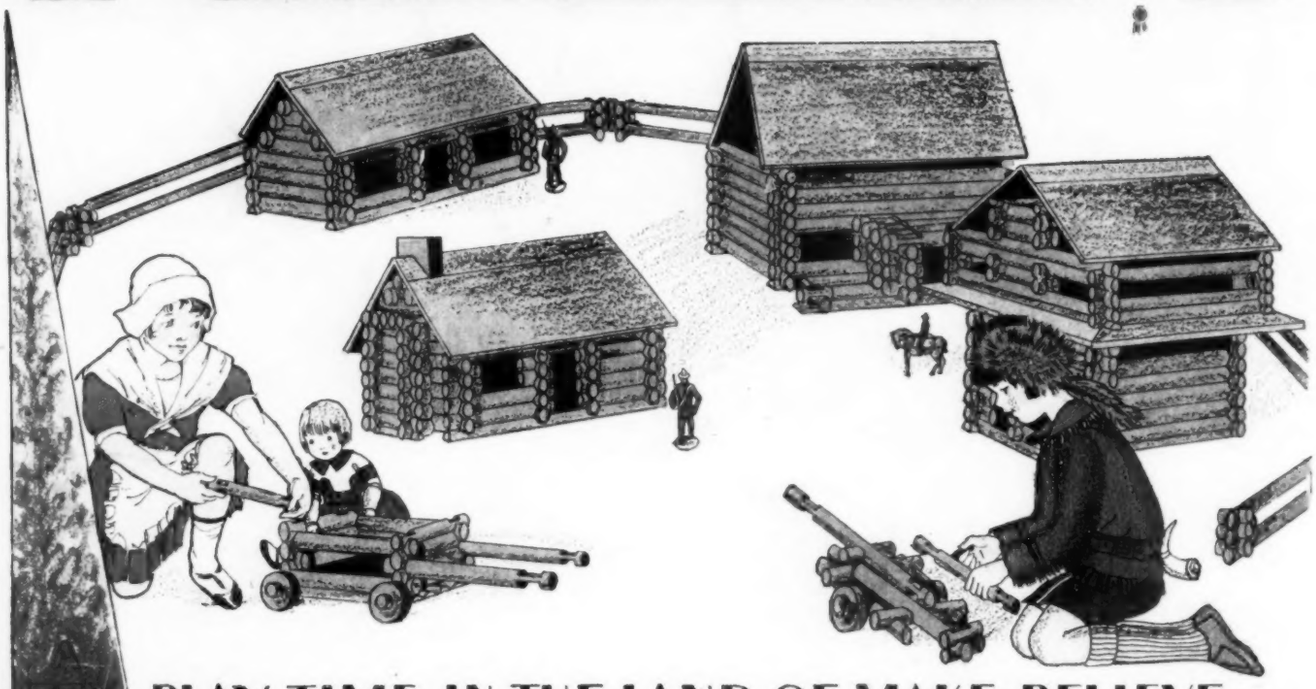
Name .....

Address .....

City ..... State .....

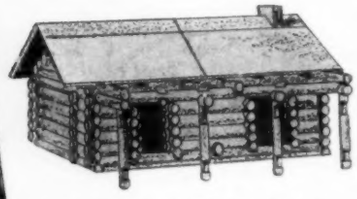
LINCOLN LOGS

AMERICA'S NATIONAL TOY



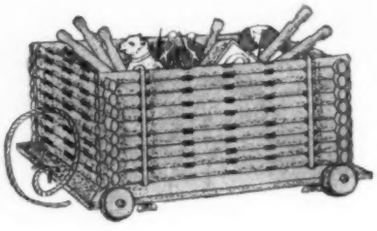
PLAY TIME IN THE LAND OF MAKE-BELIEVE

LINCOLN LOGS combine all the pleasure and fascination of a "Building Toy" with the possibilities of constructing in miniature the Cabins and Buildings of the American Pioneers. Playtime with LINCOLN LOGS is more than mere play—it fires the imagination and brings vividly to mind the life of Abraham Lincoln, the era of the Pilgrims, the doughty deeds of Daniel Boone, and the intensely dramatic days of the Western Frontier.



THE EXTRA LONG LINCOLN LOGS

make it possible to build larger buildings like "The John Kinzie Home"—the first building in Old Chicago—they are sold as an "Accessory Set" at $1.00.



Order early from your dealer. If you have any difficulty in getting them just mail us this coupon.

LINCOLN LOG SETS WITH WHEELS

By combining Log Wheels with LINCOLN LOGS you can make the Oxcart and Cannon shown in the large illustration and also Autos, Airplanes, Busses and modern forms of transportation.

TOY CHEST AND WAGON

Made from Extra Long Logs, serves as an easily moveable receptacle in which children can "put away" their LINCOLN LOGS and other toys when playtime is over.

BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR EXTENSIVE BUILDING OPERATIONS THE BEST GIFT FOR THE CHILD WHO HAS A SET IS "MORE LINCOLN LOGS"

LINCOLN LOGS
234 Erie St., Chicago, Ill.

Please mail at once, postage prepaid:

- ☐ Complete Sets with Wheels at $5.
- ☐ Big Combination Sets 234 logs, etc., at $4.
- ☐ Triple Sets of 166 Logs at $3
- ☐ Double Sets at $2
- ☐ Single Sets at $1
- ☐ LINCOLN LOG Toy Chest and Wagon at $3.50.

Enclosed is $.....for Logs specified. Money to be refunded if not satisfactory. Send to

Name.....

Street or R. F. D......

City.....*State*.....

LLCa30